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Telegram ban minimum that govt could do: HC

'App Likely To Be Used To Spread NEET Misinfo'

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New Delhi: Terming the temporary ban on messaging app Telegram by the Centre the "least restrictive measure" to ensure there is no paper leak or rumour to that effect ahead of the crucial NEET UG retest, the Delhi high court backed the decision on Friday, with two days to go for the exam.

The court said Telegram's technical features, including large public channels, cloud-based storage, extensive bot ecosystems, username-based operations, mirror channels and message-editing, made it particularly susceptible to misuse for spreading misinformation and facilitating fraud.

Justice Tejas Karia, in a 39-page verdict, also upheld the IT ministry's decision to rely on Sec 69A of the IT Act to ban the entire platform instead of blocking a particular information in a bid to ensure a fair NEET-UG retest on June 21.

BEFORE THE RETEST

- **Nobody can know or see final NEET-UG retest paper** under revised process
- NMC directs all medical colleges to **avoid granting leave to students** on June 20 and 21
- No bail, Chhattisgarh HC allows **undertrial to appear in retest** in police custody
- SC **refuses to entertain pleas for NEET-UG postponement**, they will be heard in July

Nagpur student gets Abu Dhabi centre

Abdullah Mohd Talib, 18, an NEET aspirant from Nagpur, was shocked as he had been allotted Abu Dhabi as his exam centre for the retest on June 21. The hall ticket arrived on June 14 and the family has been trying to get flight tickets for him, though he doesn't have a passport. **Other Book, P 8**

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SC: Must probe nexus siphoning public money

Concern over the alleged nexus between asset reconstruction companies (ARC), borrowers and banks resulting in siphoning off thousands of crores of public money, SC on Friday sought responses from Union home and finance ministries, RBI and Serious Fraud Investigation Office in connection with a scam involving a Noida-based infrastructure company, **reports Dhananjay Mahapatra**.

A debt of Rs 1,537 crore owed to public sector banks has been settled through two ARCs for a mere Rs 73.5 crore, resulting in a massive loss of public money. **P 7**

Walking a fundamental right; footpath must for all roads: SC

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New Delhi: Supreme Court on Friday ruled that citizens have a fundamental right to walk and this was part of their right to life and free movement, and urged the Centre to enact a law mandating demarcated footpaths for every road.

The death of a five-year-old boy on his way to school stirred the bench of Justices P S Narasimha and A S Chandurkar, which ruled, "Right to walk is a fundamental right under Part III of the Constitution.... [it] will take within its sweep the right to demarcated footpaths. These rights are primary and shall have priority over movement by motorised vehicles. If a road exists, there must then be a duty to ensure that a footpath is maintained for walkers."

SC said, "The duty bearers are the urban development authorities, municipal corporations, municipalities and even panchayats, who must endeavour to demarcate, construct, maintain and safeguard footpaths and other necessary pedestrian infrastructure, as walking is integral to life."

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IN THE COURTS

- **Jharkhand high court calls gender-based discrimination in compensation to acid attack victims** unjust, orders additional relief to man
- 'Dead also have rights': **Telangana HC shocked at prospect of ordering relocation of graves** from a plot, as sought in a petition by IDBI Bank, which wants to initiate recovery proceedings
- On PIL that most court complexes lack women-friendly infrastructure – separate toilets, lounges and nursing rooms, **SC proposes a statutory fund for women lawyers** in initial years
- Bby HC says it **sympathises with student battling depression** and debarred by univ due to low attendance, but **refuses relief**

Lightning strikes plane at Kol airport

A lightning struck an Agartala-bound IndiGo aircraft, with 141 passengers and six crew members on board, at Kolkata airport on Friday morning. It briefly knocked out power inside the Airbus A320 Neo. **P 5**

Pinarayi's daughter's bank locker inspected

ED on Friday inspected the bank locker of Veena, the daughter of Kerala's former CM Pinarayi Vijayan, in an alleged money laundering case. **P 5**

India, Nepal survey 'encroached' land

India and Nepal have launched a joint survey after Nepali citizens allegedly "encroached nearly six bigha in no man's land" near Thapliyal Kheda village at the border in Uttarakhand's Champawat district. **P 5**

Rlys plans to double fine for ticketless travel

Centre has proposed doubling the minimum penalty for ticketless travel from Rs 250 to Rs 500 and introducing higher penalties for a host of railway offences as part of a wider shift towards a penalty-based enforcement regime. The Railway Board has informed all zonal railways that the legislation has received Presidential assent and amendments to the Railways Act will be brought into force through a separate notification. TNN

Abhishek meets Birla, wants 20 TMC rebels disqualified

TMC parliamentary party leader in Lok Sabha Abhishek Banerjee met Speaker Om Birla on Friday and submitted separate petitions against each of the 20 rebel MPs, seeking their disqualification, citing anti-defection law and SC judgments, **reports Ambika Pandit**.

Birla had invited him to present TMC's case before ruling on the rebels' demand to be recognised as separate group after merging with NCPI.

▶ **Choke democracy, P 6**

DANCE of DEMOCRACY

- **CPI-ML's letter to Kharge** complaining against Cong's **cross-voting charge in J'khand** Rajya Sabha polls exposes fresh strains in INDIA bloc
- **Stalin's plain-vanilla birthday message** to Rahul spotlights the bitterness between the two parties post TN govt formation
- **No action against staff absent for Yoga Day** ceremony, Bengal govt tells Calcutta HC

Monsoon deficit 40%, reservoirs at 27% capacity

Live water storage in the country's 166 major reservoirs has dipped to 27.5% of their total capacity, consequent to a 40% deficit in cumulative monsoon rainfall.

Central Water Commission data shows while water storage in 11 reservoirs in the north and 28 in central region is better than the corresponding period last year, the situation is worrisome in the eastern (27), southern (47) and western (53) ones. Tardy progress of monsoon may lead to further decline, posing a risk to farming operations and other usage. **P 5**

At $4 bn, Jio IPO set to be India's biggest ever

Mumbai: Jio Platforms, the digital arm of Mukesh Ambani's Reliance Industries, has filed draft listing papers with the Sebi for an initial public offering (IPO) that could raise up to $4 billion, or roughly Rs 37,700 crore — making it the largest stock market listing in India's history, **reports Reeba Zachariah.**

The firm is structuring the offering as a primary share sale, allowing it to retain all proceeds — a method that contrasts with NSE's planned IPO, which will be conducted through an offer-for-sale in which existing shareholders will pocket the gains.

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Sebi eases norms for securities transfer

The Sebi board Friday decided to make it easier for transfer of securities that are in the name of deceased investors to the legal heirs and claimants by standardising the process. TNN

Posts on London badminton trip false: Govt to HC

The Centre told Delhi HC social media posts alleging that over 75 judges and govt ministers travelled to London to participate in a badminton event were false. Hearing a plea by the Badminton Association of India against such posts, the court said it would pass an order and indicated social media firms should remove such false content, disclose account details of those spreading it; and asked MeitY to take action under law. **P 6**

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Karnataka off-spinner Shreyanka Patil's troubles continued after an ankle injury sustained during the match against the Netherlands ruled her out of the ICC Women's T20 World Cup, P 11

Visitors to the Acropolis can now view the **Parthenon's western side as it appeared centuries ago**, thanks to the addition of two new stones, restoring its unique proportions and geometric perfection

White House bids farewell to one of the two **aircraft that have served as Air Force One for more than three decades**, fuelling speculation that a Boeing 747 gifted by Qatar to Donald Trump could soon enter presidential service

Andy Burnham's decisive victory in the Makerfield by-election clears a path back to Westminster and **fuels speculation about a future Labour leadership bid** against PM Keir Starmer within Labour

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US-Iran meet put off over Lebanon clashes

Israel, Hezb Agree To A Truce But Region On Edge

Chidanand Rajghatta | TNN

Washington: White House Friday postponed vice-president J D Vance's visit to Switzerland to formally sign the MoU and initiate talks with an Iranian team after Israel and Hezbollah continued their firefight in southern Lebanon, illustrating once again that peace in West Asia may well be a messy mirage.

Vance, who has put his own political future on the line as President Trump's wingman for the controversial deal, has long been on standby to fly out for a formal signing ceremony and initial round of talks. Apparently, he will remain on standby after Israel defied Trump's message—encouraging all in the region "to maintain their commitment to allowing our negotiations to beautifully unfold" — and responded to what it termed "Hezbollah provocations". Friday morning, hours after the Vance trip was lanced, the two sides agreed to a renewed ceasefire.

The setback to the peace process came even as Trump is being pilloried at home — even by Republican lawmakers and conservative podcasters, not to speak of Israel and its backer — for the 14-point US-Iran MoU that's being dubbed a "surrender document".

FULL COVERAGE: Other book, Global

HEAT ON TRUMP

- A harried Trump brushes aside critics, including Republicans, calling Iran deal **'worst foreign policy blunder in decades'**
- Says, 'We didn't meet out of desperation, Iran did. They are FINISHED! We'll play out the 60 days. **They get no money, not 10 cents!'**
- Lebanon says **47 killed in Israeli airstrikes** while Israel announces death of **4 soldiers**

▶ Other book, Global

Mkts snap 5-day rally, Sensex down 607 pts

Tech stocks led the sell-off on D Street after Accenture scaled back its revenue guidance for the year the previous evening. Sensex opened deep in red, and after breaking a five-session winning run, closed 607 points down. Meanwhile, oil prices edged back up and global markets stabilised after days of rally over US-Iran talks being put off. P 9

Coastal cabinet meet planned to clear K'taka tourism hurdles

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bengaluru: Chief minister DK Shivakumar Friday announced a cabinet meeting will soon be held in coastal Karnataka to give a renewed push to the region's tourism and investment potential.

Chairing a coastal tourism review meeting, he directed officials to resolve CRZ and forest clearance hurdles and submit a report on technical bottlenecks and solutions in 15 to 20 days.

The CM backed a single-window clearance system to ease approvals and remove departmental obstacles faced by investors. He said coastal culture and heritage should be promoted globally while creating more jobs and boosting economic growth. Officials said 45 tourism projects worth Rs 718cr have been approved, with the potential to generate 4,500 jobs.

Shivakumar also stressed on environmentally sustainable beach tourism and sought measures to attract more investment through incentives.

Voter ID key as K'taka cleans up guarantee rolls

Verification Drive To Begin By June 30

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Bengaluru: Karnataka govt will launch a statewide verification drive by June 30 to identify and remove bogus beneficiaries from its flagship five guarantee schemes, with voter ID cards being made the key proof of residence document, along with Aadhaar-linked bank accounts and mobile numbers.

The exercise follows concerns over irregularities in beneficiary records and reports of benefits reaching ineligible recipients, including those residing outside the state. "We did not have voter ID cards as proof earlier. So, transient and migratory residents, too, were included in the schemes. Now, voter ID will serve as proof of residence," L K Atheeq, the financial adviser to chief minister D K Shivakumar, told TOI.

His statement followed a marathon meeting charied by the CM on the guarantee schemes at Vidhana Soudha Friday. Atheeq said verification would be conducted through a door-to-door campaign, adding that bogus BPL cards would also come under scrutiny.

The screening will cover beneficiaries under Gruha Jyoti, Gruha Lakshmi and Anna Bhagya schemes.

According to govt data, Anna Bhagya alone has recorded over 72 crore beneficiary transactions despite having around 1.5 crore ration cards.

The review meeting also discussed introduction of a common interoperable card for women who avail the Shakti scheme. Officials are examining if it should function as a swipe or tap card. The proposed system could cost nearly Rs 300 crore and cover about 1.5 crore users.

▶Accounts in K'taka, P 3

DOOR-TO-DOOR CHECKS ON BPL CARDS

- Review of guarantees flags irregularities, including ₹60cr paid through nearly 3 lakh instalments **involving shared accounts**
- Voter ID to be made **mandatory proof of residence**; Aadhaar-linked bank accounts and mobile numbers to be verified, too
- Door-to-door checks **to target fake BPL cards**, beneficiaries out of state to be purged

State govt has spent **₹1.2L cr** on the five guarantee schemes since their launch in 2023

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Trade deals have opened doors for youth, biz: Modi

Trade agreements with nearly 40 countries have opened new markets for Indian industries and created new opportunities for Indian professionals, PM Modi said Friday at a PM Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana event where Rs 2,400 crore was transferred to beneficiaries of PM-VBRY. The formula to do so, he said, was quality in education, skills, services, and products. P 5

Teen held for killing parents, grandmom

A 19-year-old of Indian origin has been arrested for allegedly killing his parents and maternal grandmother at their Texas home on June 16, months after the family visited their native village in Punjab. Gaurav Chopra is also accused of a murder bid on his brother. TNN

City cops get hoax call about 4 murders

An emergency call was made to Bengaluru police claiming that four were murdered near Kudlu Gate, sending police to the spot only to find that it was a hoax call. Sub-inspector M Venkatesh, who was on night duty, filed a plaint. Other Bk, P4

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Yesterday's answer: Kambara

Two UP kids found dead in septic tank

Two cousins — aged 5 and 6 — were found dead in a septic tank in a village in UP's Mainpuri district, officials said Friday. It is suspected that the girls fell in while playing. TNN

Leopard enters staff hostel in IIT Bombay

A leopard attacked a dog and dragged it away from inside a staff hostel building on the Powai IIT campus around 2.30am on Friday, showed CCTV footage. Leopard sightings are not uncommon on campus, but attacks are rare. TNN

Uddhav: BJP wants one party & no polls

Mumbai: Shiv Sena (UBT) chief Uddhav Thackeray said Friday that BJP was trying to finish all parties and wanted only one party and no elections, reports **Chaitanya Marpakwar**.

Speaking on the 60th anniversary of the foundation of undivided Shiv Sena at Shanmukhananda Hall, Thackeray apologised to the voters who elected the 6 MPs now said to be crossing over to the rival Sena led by deputy CM Eknath Shinde. "Nine of our MPs were elected against the Modi wave and without using Modi's face," he said. In an emotional outreach, he offered to resign as Sena (UBT) party chief, and drew immediate protests. He said if MPs or MLAs were being poached "in this way by doing operations", then "we will also have to implement Operation Kamal", adding the country was moving towards anarchy and people were losing faith in democracy.

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Selfie esteem: Meloni calls out Trump's tall tale

Italy reacted angrily Friday after reported comments by US President Donald Trump that PM Giorgia Meloni "begged me for a picture" and he agreed only because he "felt sorry for her". Meloni said she was "stunned" and what Trump said was "made up", adding: "Neither I nor Italy ever beg." Italian foreign minister Antonio Tajani said he was cancelling his planned weekend visit to the US.

▶ Other book, Global

2 feared drowned in BWSSB sewage tank

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bengaluru: A search operation entered its second day Friday for two men feared drowned after falling into a BWSSB sewage treatment tank at Balagere near Varthur. Anti-manual scavenging activists alleged the men were illegally employed, a charge BWSSB summarily rejected.

▶FULL COVERAGE | Other Bk, P 2

The missing workers have been identified as Akhilan Mohan, 29, of Tamil Nadu, and Akhilesh, 30, of Bihar, while a third person, Karthik, who had also fallen into the tank, was rescued on Thursday itself.

The access port to the tank of BWSSB Varthur STP where the two workers went missing Thursday

Police said the two workers fell into the 40-foot-deep tank Thursday evening during a routine technical inspection. More than 75 rescue personnel have been deployed, but search operations are being hampered by strong currents and poor visibility, said police.

Activists, however, alleged that the men were illegally employed. The Indian Federation of Trade Unions alleged that BWSSB engaged more than 4,000 contractual workers with only 60 on its payroll, and that the missing men belonged to neither of the categories. Ramon Magsaysay Award winner and Safai Karmachari Andolan national convenor Bezwada Wilson alleged that the incident occurred due to BWSSB's negligence.

BWSSB chairperson N Manjula said the men lacked authorisation to enter the tank and were trying to fix a gate. A three-member panel has been ordered to report by Saturday noon, and BWSSB said it would review SOP compliance.

Delhi summons for state BJP brass after cross-voting setback

Sandeep Moudgal & Santosh Kumar B | TNN

Bengaluru: The BJP central leadership has summoned state BJP leaders BY Vijayendra, R Ashoka and state in-charge Radhamohan Das Agarwal to Delhi on June 23 after large-scale cross-voting by NDA legislators in the legislative council elections triggered embarrassment for the party.

The Karnataka BJP has constituted a three-member committee comprising MLC CT Ravi, state vice-president N Mahesh and MLA Mahesh Tenginakayi to probe the cross-voting and submit a report by June 25.

The BJP has also started doing a postmortem of the council poll setback. The twin moves come after Thursday's council elections in which Congress won five of the seven seats, while the BJP secured only two despite having 64 MLAs in the assembly.

Party insiders said the central leadership is upset over the state BJP unit's failure to keep legislators together and ensure effective coordination with alliance partner JD(S). Senior state functionaries are expected to explain the setback before the party high command and seek stringent action on black sheep in the party.

Both BJP and JD(S) have acknowledged cross-voting by their legislators, though neither has conclusively established the exact number of rebels from its ranks. Together, the two parties estimate that 11 legislators voted against the alliance's strategy.

> During voting, six to seven cross-votes happened from the JD(S) side and four to five from the BJP side. **We have some information on who played this game...** The party will take this seriously and whatever action is required will be taken
> **BY Vijayendra** | BJP STATE PRESIDENT

▶HDK vows action, P 3

Will study before reacting: DKS on TN's resolution against Mekedatu

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bengaluru/Chennai: Karnataka chief minister DK Shivakumar Friday said he would examine the Tamil Nadu assembly's unanimous resolution opposing the proposed Mekedatu reservoir project before responding in detail.

"Let me look at their stand, and then I'll react to it," Shivakumar said.

The Tamil Nadu assembly passed a resolution, urging the Centre not to grant technical, environmental or administrative clearance for the project across the Cauvery river in Bengaluru South district. The resolution was moved by Tamil Nadu chief minister C Joseph Vijay, who said river water rights transcend political differences and are directly linked to people's livelihoods.

"Politics should serve the people. Water rights are a vital livelihood issue. River water rights are among the most crucial rights that everyone has a collective responsibility to safeguard," Vijay said, while thanking all parties for backing the resolution.

▶Separate tribunal, P 3

Brazil's World Cup run revives hope for kin of Kerala youth bedridden by its 2022 defeat

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Kochi: Kerala has never been short of Brazil fans. But for a family in Kakkanad and their close friends, supporting the Selecao in this World Cup is deeply personal. They hope Brazil's run inspires a miracle — one that sees their beloved Akshay, bedridden since suffering a stroke after the men in yellow crashed out of the 2022 World Cup, walk again.

Brazil's return to the World Cup has already brought a smile back to the 26-year-old's face, giving his family fresh hope that his enduring love for football could aid his recovery. Last Saturday, a few of his friends visited him and told him Brazil had qualified for the tournament. For the first time in four years, they saw a visible reaction. "He smiled," his family recalled.

Akshay suffered a stroke after Brazil crashed out of the 2022 WC

A local club is organising a public screening near their home on Saturday, when Brazil take on Haiti in their second group match. "It will be Akshay's first outing, apart from hospital visits, in four years," said his father, K T Purushothaman, a headload worker.

An aspiring footballer himself, Akshay was a passionate Brazil supporter and his family never imagined such a turn in his life. Purushothaman still remembers finding his son lying motionless at the public screening where he had watched the match. "More than two hours had passed after Brazil's defeat, but Akshay hadn't returned home. He wasn't responding and we rushed him to a nearby hospital," he said.

The diagnosis was swift: Akshay suffered a stroke caused by a blood clot in his brain. "He suffered the stroke during or shortly after the match," said Pradeep N K, regional secretary of Kanivu Palliative Care, which has been supporting the family over the past four years.

His friends recalled that Akshay sat frozen after the final whistle. Assuming he wanted to be alone to process the heartbreaking defeat, they quietly left. What they mistook for grief was, in fact, a medical emergency.

For four years, only his eyes showed signs of movement. His family could never be certain whether he understood what was happening around him.

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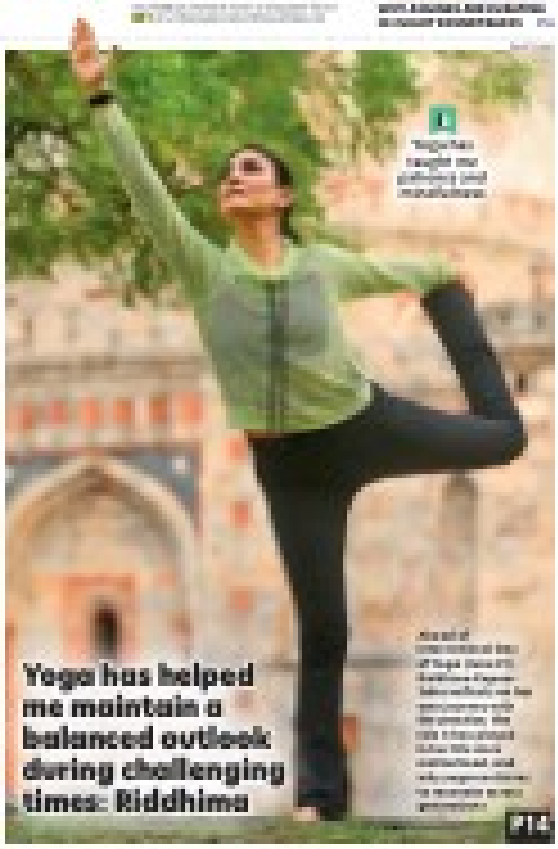

Yoga has helped me maintain a balanced outlook during challenging times: Riddhima

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Tooth Be Told: Two Failed Implants, One Successful Legal Battle

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Bengaluru: For KN Srinivasa, 59, a visit to a dental clinic for a damaged tooth ended with the loss of another tooth he depended on for chewing, two failed implants and years of pain. The ordeal has now culminated in the III additional Bengaluru Urban district consumer disputes redressal commission directing the clinic to pay him Rs 23,000 as compensation and refund.

The saga began in Jan 2023, when Srinivasa, a Thyagarajanagar resident, visited Partha Dental Clinic, Jayanagar, seeking treatment for a damaged last-but-one molar tooth. He was advised to undergo dental implantation and paid Rs 29,000 as advance.

On Feb 28, 2023, he was called for preliminary diagnostic procedures, including X-ray imaging, oral scanning and clinical assessment of bone condition, for which he paid a consultation fee. On March 23, he paid Rs 8,000 for

CONSUMER IS KING

a proposed prosthetic cap and zirconia crown. In April that year, the first implantation procedure was done but it failed. Srinivasa was advised to revisit after the surgical site healed for reimplantation. During the healing period from April 2023 to Nov 2023, he

suffered continuous pain and damage to the adjacent tooth.

In Nov 2023, Srinivasa was advised to undergo implantation for a second time in Feb 2024. However, during the second implantation procedure, the clinic, without his consent, removed an adjacent supporting tooth that he used for chewing food. The second implantation also failed. The

Dental clinic ordered to pay Rs 23k after extracting patient's supporting tooth without his consent and carrying out two failed procedures

clinic then advised him to undergo implantation for a third time, which Srinivasa refused in view of the repeated failures. He sought a refund along with his medical records, which the clinic refused.

Srinivasa alleged that the clinic's actions amounted to gross negligence and deficiency in service. On Feb 13, 2026, he obtained an independent dental opinion confirming that the implantation failures were attributable to improper placement and negligent execution of the procedures by the clinic. He filed a consumer complaint on March 4, 2026, seeking a refund of Rs 31,498 with interest at 16% per annum. Since there was a delay of more than 300 days in filing complaint, he also filed an application for condonation of delay, which the commission allowed.

Despite being served notice, the clinic remained absent throughout the proceedings. The commission drew an adverse inference against the clinic on account of this, even as Srinivasa produced payment receipts for Rs 8,498 as documentary evidence, along with the independent dental opinion dated Feb 13, 2026.

While Srinivasa claimed a total refund of Rs 37,498, apart from compensation of Rs 10 lakh towards medical negligence and Rs 50,000 towards litigation costs, the commission noted that bills were produced only for Rs 8,498. It accordingly restricted the refund to Rs 8,000.

Observing that the clinic's repeated failed procedures amounted to negligence, the commission bench on May 21 ordered a compensation of Rs 5,000 towards the suffering undergone by the complainant and Rs 10,000 towards litigation costs, taking the total relief to Rs 23,000.

Police impose curbs for NEET

Bengaluru: With the NEET-UG 2026 scheduled to be held Sunday, city police imposed restrictions within 200-metre radius of all 68 exam centres.

Based on an order issued by the DCP (east), thousands of candidates are expected to be write the exam with around 200 candidates at each venue. Gatherings of people and activities that may disturb the examination process will be prohibited, police said. The restriction will be effective for the exam duration and covers centres in Yelahanka, Jalahalli, Rajajinagar, Malleswaram, and Basavanagudi, among others. TNN

Activists Allege Manual Scavenging, Question Sanitation Safety Norms ■ Officials Reject Charge

Missing workers, mounting accountability questions

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Bengaluru: Even as rescue teams continued their search for two workers who went missing inside a BWSSB sewage treatment plant (STP), anti-manual scavenging activists Friday alleged that the men were illegally employed and made to undertake hazardous work without adequate safeguards. The water authority, however, denied that the incident amounted to manual scavenging and maintained that the workers had entered the facility without authorisation.

The incident has reignited concerns over worker safety and accountability in Bengaluru's sanitation sector, with labour unions and anti-manual scavenging campaigners alleging that hazardous jobs continue to be performed by workers who remain outside formal employment structures.

Pics: TOI

BACK AND FORTH: As the search for two missing workers at a BWSSB sewage plant continued Friday, activists alleged illegal employment and unsafe working conditions. However, the water authority said the men had entered the tank without authorisation

BWSSB STP TRAGEDY

S Balan, state president of the Indian Federation of Trade Unions (IFTU), alleged that the two workers were neither regular BWSSB employees nor part of the utility's contractual workforce. According to him, BWSSB engages more than 4,000 contractual sanitation workers, but only around 60 are on its payroll. "The workers who went missing are not even part of the 4,000. They were hired by the contractor managing the STP. In most cases, the contractor is only a name lender; the workers are arranged by BWSSB executive engineers," Balan alleged.

Claiming that many sanitation workers are paid below minimum wages, Balan demanded action against officials responsible for assigning hazardous work. "The engineers in charge must be prosecuted for culpable homicide not amounting to murder because they knew the work was lethally dangerous," he said.

Ramon Magsaysay Award winner and Safai Karmachari Andolan national convener Bezwada Wilson said the incident raised troubling questions about safety practices at facilities specifically designed to scientifically process sewage and wastewater. "The very purpose of an STP is to process wastewater in a scientific manner. If there are no safety measures even in such places, it is a crime on the part of BWSSB," Wilson told **TOI**.

Wilson said the organisation documented 121 sanitation-worker deaths across India in 2025 and another 95 deaths during the first six months of 2026. The actual figure could be higher because many cases go unreported, he opined.

Nationwide campaign soon

"We don't know the unreported cases. While 95 safai karmacharis have died in six months, there has been no response, no action, and no statement. This is because those who die belong to the most marginalised communities," he said, adding that the Andolan would soon launch a nationwide campaign on the issue.

BWSSB chairperson N Manjula, however, rejected suggestions the incident was a case of manual scavenging. She said preliminary information indicated the workers entered the facility while trying to repair a gate and were not engaged in cleaning sewage manually.

"This is not manual scavenging. The STP has been running for seven years without anyone going inside the tank," she said. Manjula said the plant had not been cleaned for at least two years, resulting in the accumulation of nearly a metre of silt and plastic waste. She also maintained that the workers had neither obtained authorisation to enter the tank nor informed BWSSB engineers. "I've been told they were trying to fix a gate. The gate should have been closed to stop inflow of water," she said.

Rescue operations continued through Friday evening, with National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) teams repeatedly entering the sewage-pumping wet well in an attempt to locate the missing workers. According to BWSSB officials, the oxygen cylinders carried by NDRF personnel provide roughly 15 minutes of breathing time, forcing teams to make repeated entry and exit. Officials added that the operation was being hampered by the dimensions of the structure — a 40ft-deep tank with a diameter of around 60ft — and efforts were on to deploy a larger crane to aid the search.

MANUAL SCAVENGERS IN KARNATAKA

Source: Survey by Centre for the Study of Social Inclusion at NLSIU, in collaboration with Karnataka State Safai Karmachari Development Corporation and Karnataka State Commission for Safai Karmacharis. The survey used numbers identified by state govt dating back to 2013

SEARCH FOR DUO CONTINUES TODAY

Over 24 hours after two workers were feared drowned in a 40ft-deep water-treatment tank during maintenance work at a Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) facility in Varthur, search operations did not yield any results by Friday evening. The search will continue Saturday.

More than 75 personnel from the fire and emergency services, National Disaster Response Force, and Varthur police station have been deployed at the site. The missing workers have been identified as Akhilan Mohan, 29, from Tamil Nadu, and Akhilesh, 30, from Bihar.

Police have ruled out manual scavenging, describing the incident as an accident during maintenance work. Police have not yet registered an FIR, stating that formal proceedings will begin after rescue operation concludes.

Plant manager Sateesh Kumar did not respond to queries from **TOI.**

Sources claimed the incident took place around 5.30pm Thursday at the BWSSB facility in Balagere. A three-member team of Akhilan, Akhilesh and Brijesh approached the large tank to examine a reported fault. Brijesh left shortly afterwards.

Akhilan sought help from a colleague, Karthik, for closer examination of the tank. Akhilan and Karthik stepped closer to the structure, lost balance and fell into the tank. Akhilesh, who was nearby, rushed to the site along with other workers.

They pulled Karthik out, but Akhilan was very deep in the tank by then. To save him, Akhilesh entered the tank, but he too lost balance.

Officials said Akhilan and Akhilesh were likely carried away by strong currents inside the tank, which currently has water gushing through it because of ongoing operations.

The rescue effort has been slowed down by poor visibility, strong currents and limited access points. Teams are using BWSSB layout maps to identify possible locations the men may have been swept into, sources said. TNN

BWSSB Orders Probe

- BWSSB chairperson N Manjula ordered probe into incident. Report has been sought by Saturday noon
- Three-member inquiry committee constituted, comprising chief engineer KN Rajiv, additional chief engineer KS Renukumar and deputy chief engineer DS Vinutha
- Panel will investigate circumstances that led to incident inside sewage-pumping wet well
- BWSSB indicated it will review mechanisms to ensure stricter compliance with SOPs at its facilities

CID sleuth, 2 others held for looting ₹20L

Times News Network

Bengaluru: Five days after a CID police inspector, aided by his four associates, allegedly snatched a Rs 20-lakh cash bag from a Kerala businessman during a raid on a hotel, Bengaluru police arrested the officer and two others late Friday.

They allegedly executed the crime with a police jeep bearing CID insignia after accusing the businessman of carrying out illegal activities, including money-laundering and drug-peddling.

Officer Mahesh Kanakagiri and associates Vasanth Kumar and Kupendra Reddy were arrested based on a complaint from the businessman, identified as Junish Babu AK, 40. Two of the inspector's associates, Hussain and Sahil, are yet to be arrested.

Junish told police he had come to Bengaluru along with his friend on June 15 for business and they were staying at a hotel near Silk Board. The accused came in contact with the complainant in connection with trading and recently directed him to bring money for trading, offering high returns.

When the complainant and his friend rented a room in the hotel, the team, allegedly headed by Kanakagiri, went to the hotel in the police department's Mahindra Bolero, a senior officer said.

While Kanakagiri remained inside the vehicle, his associates went to the complainant's room. Using the inspector's identity card, they introduced themselves allegedly as officials. In the guise of an inquiry, they demanded he hand over a cash bag.

TOI

Mahesh Kanakagiri and his associates were arrested based on a Kerala bizman's complaint. Two other associates, Hussain and Sahil, remain absconding

When the complainant refused, the gang allegedly assaulted him and his friend and took the bag containing Rs 20 lakh. The complainant approached Madiwala police and filed a complaint Thursday. Police examined hotel CCTV footage and found evidence showing a CID vehicle at the scene. Investigators traced the SUV to inspector Kanakagiri's house and seized it. Subsequently, they arrested Vasanth Kumar and Kupendra Reddy, while the inspector went missing.

City police commissioner Seemant Kumar Singh instructed his officers to treat the case on priority. A team led by assistant commissioner of police (Madiwala) VK Vasudev took over the probe. A majority of the stolen amount has been recovered.

A senior officer said Kanakagiri was detained on Friday night and is being subjected to interrogation. Police are verifying the antecedents of the complainant too.

College hosts conference on GSS

Times News Network

Bengaluru: Silicon City College, KR Pura, Thursday, organised a national conference on the life and works of celebrated Kannada litterateur GS Shivarudrappa.

Organised as part of the poet's birth centenary celebrations, the conference brought together eminent academicians, researchers and Kannada teachers from across the country. The keynote address was delivered by HC Boralingaiah, former vice-chancellor of Kannada University, Hampi, who highlighted the philosophical depth and humanistic vision reflected in Shivarudrappa's poetry and prose, describing his writings as a bridge between tradition and modernity.

Presiding over the event, HM Chandrashekar, chairman of Silicon City College, emphasised that literary awareness plays a vital role in the holistic development of individuals and society. BK Ravi, VC of Bengaluru North University; G Venkatesh, former VC of Karnataka Samskrit University, attended the event.

B'luru rolls out Yoga Day mat tomorrow

Bengaluru: With International Day of Yoga (June 21) falling on a Sunday this year, Bengalureans are keener than ever to take a break and rejuvenate themselves. To support this, several organisations are holding special open events, including cultural performances.

The theme for the 12th edition of Yoga Day is Yoga for Healthy Aging, highlighting how practising yoga promotes longevity, mobility and preventive healthcare across aging populations.

To promote physical, mental and emotional well-being, a mass yoga session and various cultural programmes will be organised by Sahaja Yoga Karnataka in association with Sir M Visvesvaraya Institute of Technology (SMVIT) from 6.30am to 9.30am on the SMVIT campus. The event will be headlined by an ensemble of 100 flautists attempting to set a world record.

Similarly, seeking to attempt 21 world records in a single day, Akshar Yoga Kendraa is bringing together 5,000 participants from various walks of life, including members of the armed forces, CRPF, CISF, BSF, police, students, children, families, senior citizens, yoga practitioners and international participants to perform yoga.

Encouraging people to take a break and focus on their well-being, Prajna Wisdom Centre will hold Drop Everything and Recharge DEAR programme, including meditation, pranayama and other yoga-related activities.

On govt's behalf, the department of Ayush will organise yoga day celebrations in front of Vidhana Soudha. TNN

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3 make AI pics of actor, held

Bengaluru: Cybercrime police have arrested three people for creating and circulating AI-generated objectionable images and videos of actress Rukmini Vasanth.

The arrested are Ravikumar, 24, of Chilakamukhi village in Bagalkot, Chandrakanth, 33, of Kamakshipalya, and Ranjith, 25, of Manjunathnagar. Police said the fabricated images and videos were designed to portray the actress in a derogatory manner. TNN

WEEKS LEFT, BUT MILES TO GO on Hennur-Bagalur Rd concretisation

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Bengaluru: With only a few weeks left for the July-end deadline set for Hennur-Bagalur Road concretisation project, residents and commuters are increasingly questioning whether the target can be achieved, with officials admitting that only around 60% of the work has been completed.

The 5.5km corridor between Hennur Cross and Bagalur Cross, taken up under Bengaluru Smart Infrastructure Ltd (B-Smile) initiative, was launched last Sept to improve road quality and ease traffic congestion along one of north Bengaluru's busiest stretches.

While officials said side drain works are under way and remain a critical component of the project, residents claim visible concretisation activity has virtually stopped, with only drain-related works continuing in several sections. Many have also raised safety concerns over open drains and heaps of excavated material lying along the roadside. According to residents, these have become hazardous for motorists and pedestrians using the stretch daily. Although some portions have been completed, several sections remain unfinished, causing bottlenecks and uneven road surfaces. Those living near Brindavan Dwellers alleged that work on one section was stalled midway, with a sharp difference in height, forcing locals to temporarily place stones to allow vehicle access to their properties.

Pics: TOI

PATCHY: Residents say the work has largely stalled, leaving open drains and posing safety risks to motorists and pedestrians

Residents also complained that some newly completed stretches were dug up shortly afterwards for utility-related works, leaving uneven gravel patches and disrupting traffic movement. Questions have also been raised about the heaps of rubble visible along parts of the corridor. However, an engineer associated with the project clarified that no debris was being used for the concretisation work.

According to him, the material consists mainly of asphalt milled from the old road surface and is being temporarily used by property owners to bridge the level difference between the new road and their entrances. It will be removed once the side drains are completed, he added.

While acknowledging that permission-related issues in some locations have affected the pace of work, officials expressed confidence the project could still be completed if pending issues are resolved quickly. Sources said the work was halted in certain stretches because of issues between the contractor and the local MLA, though this could not be independently confirmed. For residents, hopes of smoother travel remain intact, but with substantial work still pending, many doubt the July-end deadline is a realistic one.

> The work has been going on since Sept 2025 in a haphazard way. They finish one stretch, disappear and start somewhere else, leaving dangerous cuts and rubble behind. What should have been a seven-minute stretch took me 45 minutes to cross at least three times recently, forcing me to turn back and miss work. There's dust, heat, unfinished medians and dead plants lying around everywhere. With rains here, we're worried the situation will worsen
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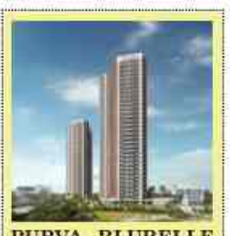

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Mobile snatcher dies after hot chase

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Bengaluru: A brazen mobile phone snatching in the heart of the city took a dramatic turn when one of the accused collapsed and died shortly after fleeing the scene, while his accomplice was taken into police custody.

PICS: TOI

Junaid

Arbaz

The incident occurred on 14th Cross in Cubbonpete, near Majestic, around 5.30pm on June 16. Advocate Basavaraju M, a resident of Nagashettihalli, was checking the location of an office on his phone to deliver a file. Two people on a scooter allegedly followed him, snatched his mobile phone and tried to flee. He ran behind the scooter and raised the alarm.

However, their escape was cut short by a quick-thinking pedestrian who hurled a heavy sack towards the scooter. The sack struck the two-wheeler, causing the riders to lose balance and fall onto the road. While escaping, the snatched phone slipped from their possession.

The suspects left the scooter and managed to run for around 250 metres. One of the accused, Junaid, 18, collapsed next to a bike parked on the roadside and died on the spot. His associate Arbaz, 23, was arrested.

Junaid's parents told police that he was a cardiac patient and had a stent in his coronary artery.

Ulsoor Gate police said Junaid was a first-time offender, while Arbaz is a habitual mobile snatcher and vehicle lifter.

VENDORS STAB PANTRY STAFF ON DELHI TRAIN, INJURE 2

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Bengaluru: An argument between a group of unauthorised vendors and railway pantry staffers on board a Bengaluru-Delhi train turned violent, leaving two people injured.

The incident occurred on Yeshwantpur-Hazrat Nizamuddin Sampark Kranti Express that just crossed Haveri around 7pm Monday. The argument started after pantry worker Dhirendra Singh, 40, objected to an unauthorised vendor selling masala peanuts in an AC coach of the train.

NEAR HAVERI

Dhirendra stated in his complaint to Govt Railway Police (GRP) that around five others, believed to be part of the same group, rushed to support the unauthorised vendor.

As Dhirendra's manager Jitendra Singh Tomar arrived, the situation turned violent, with the miscreants taking out sharp knives from their pockets. "These people tried to stab Dhirendra. He narrowly escaped but got a cut on his neck and started bleeding," Jitendra told **TOI**.

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Another pantry staffer, Lokendra, was stabbed near his left shoulder, resulting in heavy bleeding. As the train stopped at Karjagi station for a crossing, the group of vendors got off the train and ran away.

"Not just me, they attacked everyone in our team ... two of us were stabbed, and the rest of the staff were beaten up. Goods were snatched from one of the staff members. For me, the knife went all the way in," said Jitendra.

GRP registered an FIR against unknown men based in Haveri.

"Our team is looking for them. The staff who suffered minor injuries have gone back home," said Sarah Fathima, SP, GRP Karnataka.

The presence of illegal vendors on trains is a serious concern, according to Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC). Following complaints, it initiated a national crackdown earlier this month, taking down 14 illegal websites.

In South Western Railway's Bengaluru division (SWR), fines amounting to around Rs 1.5 lakh were collected from unauthorised vendors in Bengaluru in May during a special drive.

PM-VBRY scheme: 15 job letters distributed

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Bengaluru: The ministry of labour and employment organised a special programme Friday for distributing employment letters under Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rojgar Yojana (PM-VBRY).

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While the main event was held in New Delhi, regional programmes were organised simultaneously at 200 locations across the country.

In Bengaluru, BA Basavaraja, MLA of KR Pura constituency, attended the event along with 400 participants, including 280 beneficiaries, 15 employers, industry association representatives, public representatives, senior state govt officials, and EPFO officers and staff.

As many as 15 employment letters were distributed by employers to newly employed members during the programme at SAP Labs Bengaluru.

Nagesh Yellayi, head, Payroll India (SAP Labs Pvt Ltd), pointed out: "It is a meaningful recognition that motivates young professionals as they begin their careers and reflects a shared commitment towards building a skilled as well as future-ready workforce."

BMTC buses knock down 4 within 24 hrs

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Bengaluru: Four people, including a couple and their two-year-old daughter, were killed in two accidents involving BMTC buses in the city and Hoskote since Thursday night.

3 OF FAMILY DEAD

The couple and their minor daughter were killed on Devanahalli-Sulibele Main Road in Hoskote around 6pm Friday after a bus coming from Devanahalli collided with their motorbike. The couple's other daughter, five-year-old Anushika, is being treated at a hospital and her condition is stable, police said.

The victims are daily-wage workers Arun Kumar, 32, and Anusha, 28, and their daughter Arna. The family lived at Tallahalli in Devanahalli and were returning home from work in Sulibele when the accident took place.

Cops said they will go through footage of the camera fitted on the dashboard of the bus to check whether it was moving in the wrong lane.

"Arun was riding the bike while Anushika and Anusha were on the pillion. Arna was sitting on the petrol tank of the bike," a police officer said, adding the bus driver fled the scene, leaving behind the vehicle.

Traffic came to a standstill for around an hour due to the accident.

In the second incident, a 57-year-old mason died after a rashly driven BMTC electric bus mowed him down at Manganahalli Cross, Jnanabharathi, Thursday night.

The victim is Raju K, a resident of Ullala and from Maddur in Mandya district.

Police said the bus was coming from Kengeri. The driver, identified as Sachin, has been booked for causing death due to negligence.

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5 seats, 0 rebels: Council poll win sends signal DKS is fully in control

Result Enhances His Image As Election Strategist

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GIVING THANKS: DK Shivakumar Friday visited Sri Venkateswara Swamy Temple in Tirupati and offered prayers. This is Shivakumar's first visit to the hill shrine after becoming CM

Bengaluru: Politics often turns on perception as much as numbers. If the legislative council election Thursday was the first major political test for DK Shivakumar since taking oath as CM, the outcome has significantly strengthened his position within Congress and altered the political narrative in the state.

Congress secured votes beyond its legislative strength, indicating cross-voting by BJP and JD(S) members. The results gave the governing party an unexpected fifth seat and handed a psychological setback to the opposition, which was hoping to dent the new CM's confidence early in his tenure.

Organisational control

For Shivakumar, the win is important for three reasons. First, it validates his ability to manage the Congress flock. Prior to elections, there were concerns about possible absenteeism, invalid votes and attempts by rivals to engineer defections.

Shivakumar personally supervised the party's preparations, including strategy meetings and training sessions for legislators. The fact that not a single Congress MLA cross-voted or cast an invalid vote is evidence of organisational control.

Political strategist MB Maramkal said: "Many were waiting to see whether Shivakumar could manage the numbers and maintain discipline. The result has answered that question."

Poll manager image

Second, the election has reinforced Shivakumar's image as an election manager, a reputation he built over the past decade. From protecting Congress legislators during political crises in multiple states to steering the party organisation in Karnataka, he has often been assigned difficult political tasks by the high command. The council election is another success in that record.

Political commentator and advocate Hidayathulla Kuvenda said: "It has enhanced Shivakumar's authority because it is his first electoral contest after becoming CM. Success in such contests helps consolidate leadership. It sends a signal both within the party and outside that he is in control."

Weakness in opposition

Third, the outcome has exposed weaknesses in the opposition BJP-JD(S) alliance. Their inability to transfer votes has shifted attention away from Congress' internal equations to opposition disunity. A minister argued that the cross-voting reflected acceptance of Shivakumar's leadership. "Legislators from other parties are watching how the govt functions. This is not just a numerical victory; it is a political endorsement," the he said.

The result also has implications for the legislative council. Congress has strengthened its position and has moved closer to exercising greater control over the Upper House.

Provides momentum

However, analysts caution against reading too much into a single election. Council polls are often shaped by personal equations and tactical voting rather than broader public sentiment. The real tests for Shivakumar will come in local body elections and in maintaining cohesion within the governing party over a full term.

Yet, in politics, momentum matters. Thursday's election has given Shivakumar precisely that. At a time when the opposition is searching for "black sheep" and explanations for cross voting, the Congress chief minister has emerged with enhanced authority, stronger credibility among legislators and a reinforced image as a leader who can convert arithmetic into political advantage.

To mark first 100 days, CM plans Rs 20k-cr devpt push

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bengaluru: Racing against time to stamp his administrative identity on governance in the state, chief minister DK Shivakumar is preparing a major development package worth up to Rs 20,000 crore, centred on health, education and infrastructure.

Officials say a blueprint comprising 25 to 30 schemes is being drawn up and is expected to be unveiled when Shivakumar completes 100 days in office.

Among the key proposals is a protein mission aimed at strengthening the dairy and meat sectors by improving productivity and value addition. The initiative is expected to focus on better use of agricultural produce and removal of policy bottlenecks.

"The mission aims to increase contribution in the value chain," said a senior govt official. "For example, the entire crop of soya is rarely used. While the beans are sold, the residue can be used as feed for sheep and in the meat industry to increase productivity."

Shivakumar is also considering an agritech programme that would give farmers access to drone and artificial intelligence technologies for crop planning, land development, and harvesting. The proposed project is estimated to cost around Rs 50 crore.

Urban infrastructure is another area under focus. He is expected to revamp the Nagarothana scheme to improve road connectivity, especially links between rural regions and urban centres. "We will also be looking at roads which have been ignored over the years," officials said.

In the education sector, the CM is seeking funds for Karnataka Public Schools through corporate social responsibility. During a recent meeting with Union finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman, Shivakumar reportedly urged the Centre to amend CSR norms and make it easier for state govts to access corporate funding for govt educational institutions.

Political observers view the proposals as part of a broader effort to balance welfare commitments with visible development projects. Political analyst Harish Ramaswamy said the proposed initiatives were also aimed at helping the new chief minister carve out a distinct political identity. "The NRI and grievance redressal cell are two such examples," said Ramaswamy. "While Shivakumar is struggling to make changes due to revenue constraints and political backing, he is willing to make people believe with his announcements that he has the will to change politics."

WHAT GOVT IS FOCUSING ON

- Protein mission to strengthen dairy and meat sectors
- Drones to assist farmers in crop planning, harvesting
- Revamped Nagarothana scheme to rebuild roads and improve rural connectivity
- Corporate funding for Karnataka Public Schools

> The general perception in the three years of the Siddaramaiah govt was that there were no big-ticket announcements for development. If Shivakumar is to return for another term in 2028, he must ensure there is a balance between development and welfare schemes like the five guarantees. With 2028 not too far away, there is an urgent need to prove that public opinion is for him and under his leadership there has been a positive change
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> **A Narayana** | POLITICAL ANALYST

Fielded candidate only to test loyalty of legislators: HDK

Mysuru: A day after his party candidate suffered a crushing defeat in the legislative council elections, Union minister and state JD(S) chief **HD Kumaraswamy** claimed the regional outfit contested the elections only to "test loyalty of its legislators".

"I wanted to identify black sheep in the party," he said, while acknowledging JD(S) never had the numbers. "I now have the answer, and we will look to rebuild, while keeping them away. The poll has taught me not to trust anyone too much. I have all the information on who cross-voted and why."

He said the alleged betrayal by a section of party MLAs was coordinated rather than an individual act. "They discussed it among themselves and did it together. They even talked about quitting the party," he said.

He promised major restructuring of the party. "I will bring in young blood, including Gen Z, and rebuild the party," he said, while hinting at a larger role in Karnataka politics. "Being at the Centre is temporary. My permanent place is in state politics."

Kumaraswamy said HD Deve Gowda , party patriarch and former PM had the tendency to "forgive" functionaries and it had prevented strict action in the past. "He suffered blow after blow for the past 70 years, but still thinks nothing should happen to the party. Because of that attachment, he tries to save everyone," Kumaraswamy said.

He lashed out at Chamundeshwari MLA GT Devegowda, whose differences with the party leadership have widened in recent months. "Do not speak about him in my presence. That chapter is over. The MLA already has both feet out of the party," Kumaraswamy said.

He added: "Even if HD Deve Gowda himself says otherwise, I will not change my stand. I know all his (GTD's) political games. I've decided to make a tough stand this time." TNN

SHORT TAKE

55 projects cleared, to provide 28k jobs

The single window clearance committee Friday approved 55 projects with a total investment of Rs 7,506 crore. These projects are expected to generate more than 28,000 jobs. Industries minister MB Patil said, of the 55, 41 will be located outside Bengaluru Urban and Bengaluru Rural districts as part of the govt's 'Beyond Bengaluru' initiative. He said Taiwan-based Teaming Automation (Rs 20 crore), South Korea's YJ Link (Rs 178 crore), Germany's Revum (Rs 16.5 crore) and Japan-based Shinko (Rs 100 crore) will take total foreign direct investment to Rs 314.5 crore. Most of the approved projects are in aerospace, electronics system design and manufacturing and general engineering sectors, while 35 projects involve investments of more than Rs 50 crore each.

Recovery of encroached temple land lags

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UNDER THE WEATHER: Ex-CM Siddaramaiah called on G Parameshwara at his home on Friday. The deputy CM has been battling an illness

Bengaluru: The drive to document and protect temple properties has uncovered encroachments on more than 1,035 acres of land, but the govt has so far recovered only about 314 acres, prompting deputy chief minister and revenue minister G Parameshwara to order a quicker crackdown.

Data reviewed by the revenue and muzrai departments shows only 19,020 of the 45,038 properties belonging to 34,566 govt-administered temples have been surveyed.

"Encroachment of temple property will not be tolerated," Parameshwara said. "We have instructed officials to take firm action and clear all encroachments without concessions."

Officials say the govt identified encroachments on 1,035 acres and 36 guntas of land belonging to 229 temples. However, 721 acres and 16 guntas remain encroached.

Of this, more than 228 acres are tied up in court disputes, while 38 acres are occupied by govt agencies for schools, hospitals, community halls and other public facilities. After excluding these categories, action is being initiated to recover 455 acres and 17 guntas.

Efforts are also under way to secure ownership records. The muzrai department identified 45,038 properties, but most are not registered in the names of the respective temples.

To address this, the govt launched a record correction drive. So far, ownership registration has been completed for 20,730 properties, while gazette notifications have been issued for 3,046 properties. Officials said all identified temple properties will eventually be registered in the names of temples and notified through the gazette. Figures show the exercise has gathered momentum in recent years. Surveys were completed for only 5,720 properties until 2023. Since then, another 13,300 properties have been surveyed.

Similarly, temple ownership registration stood at 11,527 properties till 2023. Over the past three years, another 9,203 properties secured clear titles, raising the total to 20,730.

> We began the exercise of protecting temple properties three years ago. The process includes identifying properties, surveying them and registering them in the name of the respective temple. We hope to complete surveys within the next year
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HDK promises action against cross-voters

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Defending himself and the alliance's electoral plan, Vijayendra said BJP and JD(S) had jointly decided to contest aggressively for a third seat. **"HD Kumaraswamy** (Union minister and JDS chief) had suggested we should not give up the contest. Based on discussions with our national leadership, we backed the JD(S) candidate and fought together. During voting, six to seven cross-votes happened from the JD(S) side and four to five from the BJP side. We have some information on who played this game," he added.

Vijayendra said he had sought an appointment with BJP national president Nitin Nabin to brief him on the developments. "The party will take this seriously and whatever action is required will be taken," he added.

Kumaraswamy held an emergency meeting with party legislators Friday evening and reportedly expressed strong displeasure over the conduct of some MLAs. Sources said he questioned a few legislators and conveyed disappointment over the alleged betrayal.

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Several legislators are learnt to have demanded immediate action against those responsible. Kumaraswamy reportedly assured them that appropriate action would be taken at the right time.

Earlier in the day, Kumaraswamy said he was fully aware of the cross-voting and had anticipated such a possibility. "Four people have cross-voted. I know who they are. I also know they have discussed quitting the party. The candidate was not fielded to win. I had held a meeting with all MLAs at home," he said.

The BJP's two candidates secured only 56 votes against the party's strength of 64 MLAs. JD(S), which has 18 MLAs, received only 14 votes for its candidate despite being allotted three BJP votes under the NDA arrangement. The results exposed significant cracks within both parties and have triggered a churn within the alliance.

A/cs in K'taka must to get benefits: Govt

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State govt spent Rs 1.2 lakh crore on Shakthi and four other guarantee schemes

Shivakumar directed officials to intensify efforts to identify ineligible beneficiaries while ensuring that genuine recipients do not face any hardship. He also ordered stricter action against diversion of rice under Anna Bhagya to the black market.

The meeting reviewed technical issues involving inactive e-KYC records, bank accounts and NPCI links that have affected beneficiary verification and payments. To improve transparency, the CM instructed officials to send voice message confirmations whenever Gruha Lakshmi payments are credited.

State govt has spent Rs 1.2 lakh crore on the five guarantee schemes since their launch. The schemes include Gruha Jyothi, Gruha Lakshmi, Anna Bhagya, Yuva Nidhi and Shakthi.

According to the CMO, officials said during the meeting that benefits under some of the guarantee schemes were being transferred to bank accounts outside Karnataka and that voters from other states had also been found receiving these benefits.

The govt decided that accounts linked to the schemes must be located within Karnataka and directed officials to stop transfers to accounts in other states.

The review also examined findings from the accountant general's report, which flagged multiple beneficiaries receiving Gruha Lakshmi assistance through the same bank account and cases of individuals registering more than one account.

Around Rs 60 crore was disbursed through nearly three lakh instalments involving shared bank accounts. Officials further reported that payments continued to be credited to some deceased beneficiaries because records had not been updated. Shivakumar directed officials to stop such payments and update all death records.

TN to seek separate tribunal for Mekedatu?

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In a rare display of consensus, Vijay accepted a suggestion from opposition member Udhayanidhi Stalin to seek a separate tribunal exclusively for Mekedatu dispute. The amendment was incorporated into the resolution before its unanimous adoption. Vijay said his govt had already begun consultations with legal experts and was pursuing appropriate legal measures on the issue.

A day earlier, Shivakumar had defended the project, stating it would benefit both Tamil Nadu and Karnataka. He said the reservoir would help store surplus rainwater that otherwise flows into the sea and allow regulated releases into the Cauvery system during lean seasons.

He maintained that the project is intended for drinking water supply and river management and would not affect Tamil Nadu's share of Cauvery waters. Shivakumar had offered to discuss the issue with TN CM Vijay.

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CRUX OF DISPUTE: The proposal to build a balancing reservoir across Cauvery river at Mekedatu has been a contentious issue between Karnataka & Tamil Nadu over years

BJP in Karnataka accused Congress of taking contradictory positions on the project. Leader of opposition R Ashoka alleged the party was supporting Mekedatu in Karnataka while remaining aligned with forces opposing it in Tamil Nadu. Ashoka questioned the purpose of Congress party's Mekedatu padayatra and sought clarity from Rahul Gandhi whether the party would firmly back Karnataka's claim despite opposition from its allies in Tamil Nadu.

"Congress has repeatedly invoked Mekedatu issue during elections, appealed to the sentiments of farmers and projected itself as the defender of Karnataka's water rights. Today, the party stands exposed with one position in Karnataka and another in Tamil Nadu," he alleged.

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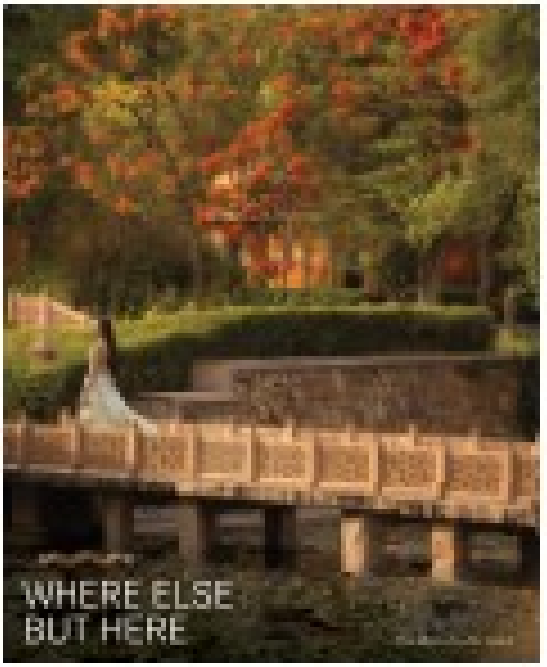

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13.7KM Tavarekere to Nagawara - Likely operation: March 2027

Pending work: Track laying, signalling, testing and other system works

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Proposal will then go to Centre for approval

Phase IIIA Sarjapur-Hebbal: Awaiting Centre's approval

19-km Blue line connecting KR Pura to Silk Board set for trial run in Oct

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Bengaluru: The long-awaited Blue Line — a 19-km Metro stretch from KR Pura to Silk Board along Outer Ring Road — is set to enter the testing phase in Oct, Bengaluru development minister Krishna Byre Gowda announced Friday.

This stretch coming under Phase 2A project has reached an advanced stage of construction, though work continues to lag at three critical locations.

After reviewing the progress of ongoing projects, Gowda said, "Clear instructions have been issued to expedite work at these locations and ensure trial runs begin in Oct. After that, it will take 5-6 months to secure the required statutory clearances for commercial operations," Gowda said.

The full KR Pura-Silk Board stretch may not be ready for testing by Oct. Owing to delays in civil works, particularly at Marathahalli, BMRCL is considering conducting oscillation trials by Research Designs and Standards Organisation on the KR Pura-Marathahalli section first. BMRCL has started receiving trainsets for Blue Line from BEML.

BMRCL sources said progress at key locations, including Byappanahalli depot connectivity, Marathahalli, Iblur and Silk Board, will determine the corridor's commissioning schedule. While girder launching at Marathahalli was completed in March, several follow-up works remain underway. Gowda set a fresh deadline for the elevated section of the Pink Line — a 7-km stretch between Kalena Agrahara and Tavarekere. "This corridor has witnessed multiple delays. I've directed officials to ensure the line is commissioned by Aug 15," Gowda said.

The 13.7-km underground section from Tavarekere to Nagawara is likely to be operational only by March 2027. BMRCL's target was Dec 2026. While station construction is largely complete, track laying, signalling, testing and other system works are still in progress.

Once the entire 58-km Phase 2A and 2B network from **Silk Board to airport** becomes operational, Bengaluru's Metro network is expected to **expand to nearly 175km by March 2028**

POLL-LINKED LABOUR SHORTAGE HITS CONSTRUCTION WORK

Metro construction work has been impacted by a shortage of labourers following the recent assembly elections, including those held in West Bengal. According to BMRCL officials, nearly half the workers who returned to their home states to vote are yet to resume work.

The shortage has particularly affected the Blue Line project connecting the city to KIA, as well as ongoing work on the underground section of the Pink Line. Officials said more than 90% of workers engaged in Metro construction come from states such as Bihar, West Bengal and Jharkhand.

"Unlike many states where a sizable portion of the workforce is local, Bengaluru's metro projects are heavily dependent on migrant labour," an official said, adding that contractors have been directed to mobilise adequate manpower and minimise delays.

20 YEARS ON, BMRCL should fulfil city's expectations: Minister

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bengaluru: While BMRCL enjoys operational autonomy, it must equally face accountability for repeated delays in completing Metro projects and the inconvenience caused to commuters, said Bengaluru development minister Krishna Byre Gowda.

He said Bengalureans have high expectations and BMRCL must adequately respond.

Noting that the foundation stone for Namma Metro project was laid in 2006, he said, "The deadlines set by BMRCL have been missed by one, two and even three years. Despite spending nearly two decades on Metro expansion, BMRCL is still unable to indicate when several ongoing projects will be completed and opened for public."

Gowda directed Metro contractors to occupy only the minimum road space required for construction activities. Prolonged occupation of roads, he said, has worsened traffic congestion across the city.

PROGRESS REPORT: The 19-km Metro stretch from KR Pura to Silk Board along ORR reached an advanced stage of construction, though work lags in 3 key locations

"If contractors continue to block portions of roads for 3-5 years, motorists will continue to suffer. We have instructed them to complete works within fixed timelines, clear occupied stretches, and move to the next section," the minister said.

The minister expressed concern over construction debris and materials being left at work sites for extended periods, saying some Metro construction zones had effectively become dumping grounds. Poor site management, he added, has contributed to waterlogging during heavy rains.

Referring to the ORR stretch between Veeranapalya Junction and Hebbal, Gowda said traffic bottlenecks persist despite improvements at locations such as Kodigehalli and Manyata Tech Park.

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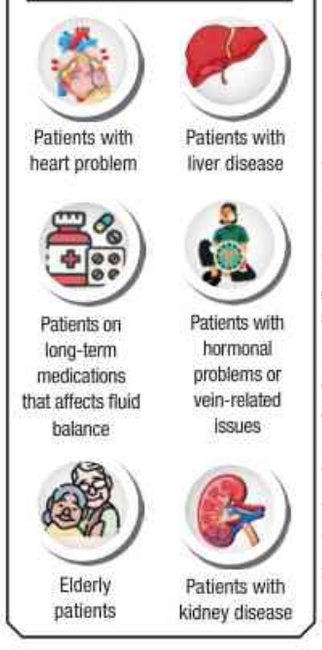

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IL short of target: Govt PU college admissions rise to 1.6L

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Bengaluru: Admissions to govt PU colleges have shot up in the state, with the number crossing 1.6 lakh currently. Last year, govt PU colleges admitted 1,37,848 students.

The increase in enrolment at govt schools and colleges is part of the sustained effort by the department of school education and literacy. This year, the department fixed the enrolment target at 2.5 lakh for its PU colleges and until now, around 66% of the total target has been achieved. Of 1.6 lakh students who have joined, 99,028 are from govt high schools; 65,852 are from other boards and private schools. Admissions are still under way.

While some districts like Kodagu and Mysuru achieved 97% and 93% of the target, respectively, some districts like Bidar and Chikkaballapur achieved only 13% and 27%, respectively. Till now, 5,380 students in Bengaluru North and 4,588 in South have joined I PU in govt colleges. "We are continuously following up with the districts and ensuring admissions are happening," said PU department director Bharat S.

Karnataka has one of the lowest transition rates from secondary class to higher secondary classes in south India. The rate for moving from Class 10 to Class 11 is 63%, as per unified district information system for education. The gross enrolment ratio in higher secondary is 61%.

Recruitment rule changes

In an amendment to Karnataka General Services (Pre-University Education) (Recruitment) Rules 2013 notified on June 18, the lecturers appointed by direct recruitment and promotion will teach classes 9 and 10 also in a school specified by the govt.

"As the Karnataka school system is split into primary, higher primary, high school and PU, it is easy for children to drop out as they shift from one school to another. It is also for this reason that we have decided to change recruitment rules so that the same teachers are there in high school and PU too. Students will have a familiarity with the teachers and continue in the schools for classes 11 and 12 as well," said an official.

With no books as yet, language teachers struggle to take classes

This is the first time that the state has offered free textbooks for govt PU colleges but they are yet to reach them. "The problem is mainly with the language classes. For the core subjects, teachers are able to give them notes and teach the concepts. But the language teachers are struggling as they really need textbooks for teaching poetry, prose and grammar," said AH Ningegowda, president, Karnataka State PU College Lecturers' Association.

The PU department said of the 13.4 lakh books, 11.7 lakh were dispatched Thursday evening and the remaining by Friday evening. Additionally, there are around 8 lakh old books with the districts. All these will start reaching the colleges within the next 3-4 days. "There was a slight delay in the dispatching of textbooks. But students will start receiving it in the next few days," said the PU department director.

Cashews dispatched: Transport details turn out fake, woman loses ₹6.6 lakh

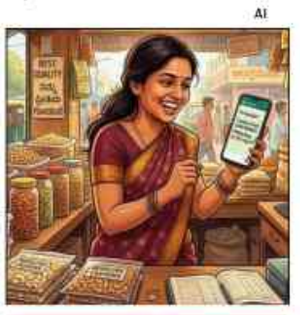
TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bengaluru: A 36-year-old woman running a cashew trading business was cheated of Rs 6.6 lakh by fraudsters who lured her with a fake cashew supply deal and later went incommunicado after collecting the money.

According to the complaint filed by Lavanya (name changed), a resident of Haralur, the fraud began on June 5 when she received a WhatsApp message from an unknown number (7818824289) detailing cashew nuts available for sale.

Crooks shared fake quotation from firm

Interested in the offer, Lavanya contacted the sender and discussed the purchase of cashew nuts. The fraudster then shared a quotation purportedly issued by Sri Laxmi Cashew Industries, which later turned out to be fake.



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Believing the deal to be genuine, she initially transferred Rs 25,000 to the bank account provided by the accused. She subsequently made a second transfer of Rs 4,10,750 on June 9 towards the purported purchase of the consignment.

To further build the complainant's confidence, the fraudster shared transport details claiming that the cashew shipment had been dispatched. Trusting this information, Lavanya made an additional payment of Rs 2,25,000 to the crooks.

However, despite receiving a total of Rs 6,60,750 through multiple transactions, the accused neither delivered the cashew consignment nor responded satisfactorily to her queries.

Realising she had been duped, Lavanya approached police and lodged a complaint.

A case has been registered under Information Technology Act and BNS Sections 318 (cheating) and 319 (cheating by personation) at south-east cyber crime police station.

Passenger's leg stuck between train & platform

Bengaluru: Metro train services were briefly disrupted Friday morning after a passenger's leg was trapped in the gap between a train and the platform at KSR station of Purple Line.

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A video of the incident has gone viral on social media, showing security personnel assisting the passenger in freeing his leg. According to a BMRCL official, the incident affected multiple train trips. Security staff activated emergency response protocol, rescued the passenger and restored operations.

A similar incident was reported during the first week of June at Vidhana Soudha station, raising concerns about passenger safety while boarding and alighting from trains. TNN

Police get hoax call at night about 4 murders in Kudlu Gate

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bengaluru: An emergency alert claiming that four people were murdered near Kudlu Gate sent police rushing to the spot, only to find that it was a hoax call.

According to a complaint filed by ASI M Venkatesh, he was on night-patrol duty in a Hoysala along with driver Deepu R, when they received an alert from the control room at 9.33pm on June 16. A man, identified as Umesh, reported that four murders had taken place near Kudlu Gate.

The patrol team rushed to the location and conducted a thorough search. However, no signs of any murder or criminal incident were found. When police contacted the caller on his mobile phone and sought details, the man failed to provide any specific information and allegedly spoke irresponsibly when questioned, a police officer said.

To verify the claim, officers from Bandepalya police station too visited the area and questioned residents and passersby. Their inquiries revealed no evidence whatsoever of the murders. Police concluded that the information provided to the control room was false.

During investigation, police found the caller is a resident of Bantwal in Dakshina Kannada district, who works as a labourer and is a habitual hoax caller.

He visited his cousin, who stays near Kudlu Gate. Efforts are on to nab him.

Online friendship ends in rape charge; man held

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bengaluru: A 25-year-old woman lodged a complaint against a 28-year-old man whom she befriended through Snapchat, accusing him of raping her. The man, a private firm employee, was arrested.

The woman told police she lives alone after separating from her husband. She came in contact with the accused a few months ago and exchanged phone numbers.

The accused helped the woman find accommodation in a paying guest facility. On Tuesday evening, the man allegedly took the woman to a lodge in Bhuvaneshwarinagar. She alleged that despite her objections, he sexually assaulted her.

Elderly vendor puts on detective hat, figures out who stole ₹10k from cart

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

LOITERING YOUTH CAUGHT IN ACT

- Rajanna HG, 66, who sells flowers on a street in Nandini Layout, leaves his cash tightly wrapped in cloth bag beneath the cart
- One morning, he finds ₹800 missing and thinks someone is skimming small amounts of cash from the bag
- The next morning, he finds the remaining ₹9,200 missing

- He decides to investigate, requests shopkeepers and temple management to give access to CCTV footage
- He combs through footage, finds a youth, Charan, loitering around his cart
- He takes video evidence to police and files complaint

Bengaluru: For years, 66-year-old Rajanna HG was a familiar face outside Anjaneya temple in Nandini Layout's II Block-North, where he earned his livelihood by selling fresh flowers. As his trade relied heavily on quick transactions, Rajanna required a steady supply of loose change. Once a month, like clockwork, he would visit the bank to exchange larger bills for Rs 10,000 worth of assorted currency notes and coins.

Trusting the familiarity of his routine and sacred surroundings of the temple, Rajanna developed a long-standing habit of tightly wrapping his hard-earned cash into a small cloth bag and securing it beneath his push-cart daily.

Every morning, he would return, untie the bundle and set up the flowers for sale.

On May 25, he carefully counted exactly Rs 10,000 in change, wrapped it up tightly, tied it beneath the cart the same night and headed home. The next morning, his heart sank. On counting the cash, he found only Rs 9,200. Overnight, he lost Rs 800, but the cloth bundle itself wasn't moved or untied. Other street vendors guessed someone who knew his exact routine was stealthily skimming small amounts of cash from the bag to avoid detection.

The worst, however, was yet to come. On the morning of May 27, Rajanna arrived at his cart to find the remaining Rs 9,200 missing. This time, the thief wasn't discreet — the cloth bag was left torn open.

Distraught but determined, Rajanna decided to investigate and find some evidence to go to cops. The elderly vendor approached shop owners and temple management officials, requesting access to their CCTV footage from the previous two nights.

As Rajanna combed through hours of early-morning recordings, a familiar face suddenly filled the screen. The footage captured a local youth, identified as Charan alias Jollu, loitering near the pushcart. Subsequent angles of footage from neighbouring shops painted a damning picture, showing Charan approaching Rajanna's cart and later, walking away in a highly suspicious manner.

With undeniable proof in hand, Rajanna formally lodged a complaint at the local police station. Police were both impressed and grateful for the flower vendor's initiative. "Rajanna has done most of our work, like watching CCTV footage and zeroing in on the suspect. Now, we only need to find and arrest Charan for the theft," a senior police officer said.

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Maharashtra Information Technology Corporation Limited, (Government of Maharashtra Enterprise) is inviting proposals from reputed & experienced companies to participate in the competitive bidding process **for Comprehensive "As-Is Where Is" Field Audit, Verification, Assessment and Validation of Active and Passive Network Infrastructure Deployed under BharatNet Phase-II (MahaNet-I) Project in the State of Maharashtra.**

Tender document will be available for downloading from **10.00 hrs. of 22.06.2026** on the official website of Government of Maharashtra **https://mahatenders.gov.in.**

Tender submission would be online and deadline to submit the proposal is **13.07.2026 till 17.00 hrs.**

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TENDER NOTIFICATION
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The University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore has invited Tender in the prescribed form as per Standard Tender Document Kw4 from the registered KPWD/ PWD/ Contractors & Reputed firm for the Sl. No.1. The details of the notification, tender document, specifications are available in the website **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in.** The cost of tender document is as per e-procurement portal. The EMD has to be paid in the e-procurement portal using e-Procurement payment modes.

The above work is under Two Cover system. The details for two cover system is to be uploaded as per Standard Tender Document.

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What dad really wants?

This Father's Day, surprise him with something he has been longing for

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With Father's Day approaching, many families are on the lookout for gifts that go beyond the predictable and reflect what their fathers would genuinely appreciate. The challenge, of course, is that most fathers insist they want nothing at all. Yet those closest to them know better. There are often things they have been meaning to replace for years—a watch with a fading strap, headphones that have seen better days, worn-out luggage or a gadget they have been eyeing but never actually bought. That is why many children are choosing gifts that strike a balance between practicality and indulgence—thoughtful upgrades that fit seamlessly into their fathers' daily lives.

READY FOR TAKE-OFF

As travel picks up and more professionals spend time on the move, premium luggage is becoming a popular choice among frequent travellers. Lightweight cabin cases, organised packing systems and durable check-in bags are replacing more traditional Father's Day gifts. Travel accessories such as passport holders, travel wallets and portable charging kits are also finding favour among those who spend significant time on the move. "My father travels frequently for work, but he's the kind of person who keeps using something until it completely gives up. His old suitcase has accompanied him on countless trips, even though it's long due for a replacement. I decided to get him a cabin bag with better organisation and a dedicated laptop compartment because I know it will make travelling easier for him. It feels more thoughtful than buying something he may only use occasionally," says Dev Mahajani, a BFM student.

A NOD TO HIS PASSIONS

For many, the most meaningful gifts are those that reflect a father's interests. Rather than introducing a new pastime, families are choosing presents that help him enjoy an existing hobby even more. Chef Nainika Ghosh recently bought her father an action camera. "He's a photography enthusiast and already owns a DSLR. But when he wanted to shoot shorter videos, he usually relied on his phone. The action camera felt like a practical gift because it's something he'll genuinely enjoy using," she says. Similar gifting choices are emerging across a range of interests. Fitness trackers for walkers, golf rangefinders for golfers and portable speakers for music lovers are among the options families are exploring. The appeal lies in giving fathers something that complements activities they already enjoy.

TIME FOR A CHANGE

Watches continue to rank among the most popular Father's Day gifts, but the category itself is evolving. Many families are replacing older timepieces with smartwatches that offer health tracking, fitness monitoring and everyday convenience. For fathers who like to keep an eye on their activity levels or stay connected while on the go, they offer far more than just the time. "My father would never have bought a smartwatch for himself because he saw it as an unnecessary expense. But after he started using one, he realised it was about much more than checking messages or telling the time. He now tracks his walks, monitors his sleep and uses reminders to stay active during the day. It has become a part of his daily routine far more quickly than we expected," says Umeksha Dikuli, a primary school teacher.

COMFORT AT HOME

Not all gifts are designed for travel or hobbies. A growing number focus on enhancing everyday moments. Coffee machines are becoming a popular choice for fathers who enjoy starting their day with a freshly brewed cup, while grooming kits, premium electric shavers and massage devices bring a little extra comfort to regular routines. For those who spend much of their day on work calls, noise-cancelling headphones have also become a popular choice. These gifts may not be the most extravagant, but they are often the ones that see the most use. By making familiar routines more comfortable, convenient or enjoyable, they continue delivering value long after the occasion itself is over. What many of these gifts have in common is that they sit somewhere between necessity and indulgence. Most fathers could continue using their existing luggage, headphones or coffee maker. Yet an upgrade can make everyday experiences a little easier, more comfortable or simply more enjoyable. That is perhaps why these gifts resonate. Rather than focusing on grand gestures, they acknowledge the habits, routines and interests that family members notice over time. In many ways, the best Father's Day gifts are not about extravagance—they are about showing that someone has been paying attention to the little things.

MORE THAN BACKGROUND SOUND

How airlines are using music to calm & connect

From Brian Eno's Music for Airports to bespoke soundtracks by airlines, in-flight music is becoming part of how carriers calm passengers, build memory and turn flying into a sensory experience

"Calming music creates a feeling that you are in a safe environment"

"Music is the first thing people hear when they board"

A cabin is not a concert hall

A brand you can hear

New Asian pop Grammy sparks BTS, tokenism debate

Alicia Keys performs at Knicks' NBA victory parade

I wanted to capture F1 rush through my music: Alan Walker

Music adds another emotional layer to the Formula 1 experience. It helps create atmosphere, build excitement and make key moments even more memorable

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Water in 166 major reservoirs dips to 28% of storage capacity

Further Fall May Hit Farm Activities

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New Delhi: India's 40% deficit in cumulative monsoon rainfall has taken a toll on live water storage in the country's 166 major reservoirs, which has dipped to nearly 27.5% of their total storage capacity.

Though overall storage of the 166 reservoirs at the current level is still better than normal (the average storage of the last 10 years) during the corresponding period, the fall linked to depressed rainfall due to El Nino may be a reason for worry as functional efficiency of these reservoirs is important for irrigation, domestic use and industrial requirement, including hydro-electric power generation. The tardy progress of monsoon may lead to further decline, posing a risk to farming operations and other usage.

Twenty out of these 166 major reservoirs are of hydro-electric projects such as Gobind Sagar in Himachal Pradesh, Thein Dam in Punjab, Rana Pratap Sagar in Rajasthan, and Hirakud in Odisha, Panchet Hill in Jharkhand, Ukai and Sardar Sarovar in Gujarat, and Pench in Maharashtra, among others.

FACING THE BRUNT OF RAIN DEFICIT

No. of major reservoirs under monitoring: **166**

Total live storage capacity of 166 reservoirs: **183.6** BCM*

Available live storage as on June 18	Live storage of last year during corresponding period	Normal** storage during corresponding period
50.4 BCM	**58.2** BCM	**44.6** BCM

* BCM: Billion Cubic Meters (One cubic meter is 1,000 liters)
** Normal storage means average storage of last 10 years | (Source: Central Water Commission)

Central Water Commission data on live storage of the 166 reservoirs shows that water storage in 11 reservoirs of the northern region and 28 reservoirs of the central region is better than the corresponding period last year, but the status of reservoirs in the eastern (27), southern (47) and western (53) regions is quite worrisome.

The total live storage capacity of 166 reservoirs is around 183.6 billion cubic metres (BCM) which is more than 71% of the live storage capacity of 257.8 BCM which is estimated to have been created in the country.

State-wise data shows that reservoirs in Assam, Bihar, Chattisgarh, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Nagaland, Odisha, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand have better storage (in %) than last year for the corresponding period. On the other hand, reservoirs in Andhra Pradesh, Goa, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Tripura and West Bengal have less storage (in %) than last year.

In 2025, the monsoon arrived over Kerala eight days in advance and progressed well thereafter, making water available to reservoirs in June, unlike this year when the monsoon onset happened three days late and its progress continues to be weak.

ED inspects bank locker of Pinarayi's daughter

Kochi: Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Friday conducted an inspection of the bank locker of Veena T, the daughter of opposition leader Pinarayi Vijayan, in connection with the CMRL-Exalogic case. Veena was summoned to the bank branch near Ayurveda College Junction in Thiruvananthapuram on Friday morning, where officials conducted the inspection for nearly three hours.

ED reportedly obtained information about the bank locker from documents Veena submitted Wednesday. Officials collected records from the bank regarding operation of the locker and examined whether any documents connected to the case had been moved during probe.

The interrogation pertains to allegations that Cochin Minerals and Rutile Ltd (CMRL) made payments amounting to Rs 2.78 crore to Exalogic Solutions, a company linked to Veena T, without receiving any services in return. TNN

Heads of 50 top cos on Japan PM team for Guwahati meet

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New Delhi: Japan PM Sanae Takaichi's visit to India next month is expected to further build upon the Special Strategic and Global Partnership between the two countries, with focus on areas like economic security, development cooperation, technology, defence, Indo-Pacific, mobility and people-to-people relations. The summit is likely to take place in Guwahati on July 1, in a nod to Japan's role as a facilitator of economic prosperity in the region.

The two countries work under the India-Japan Act East Forum to promote development in the North-East and connectivity between this region and southeast Asia. India had in 2019 invited then Japan PM Shinzo Abe for the India-Japan summit but the visit was cancelled because of the protests against the then Citizenship (Amendment) Bill.

Sanae Takaichi and PM Modi are likely to discuss ongoing work on the Mumbai-Ahmedabad high-speed rail project

Japan-based Nikkei Asia reported Friday that Takaichi would be accompanied by heads of over 50 top Japanese companies and organisations. According to the report, these include automaker Suzuki Motor, trading house Itochu and Toyota Motor trading arm Toyota Tsusho. The last summit in Aug 2025 had seen Japan pledging 10 trillion yen in investment in India over the next 10 years.

Takaichi and PM Narendra Modi are also likely to discuss progress in the ongoing work on Mumbai-Ahmedabad high-speed rail and seek early commencement of operations. India and Japan agreed last summit to start work for the early installation of signalling, including the Japanese system.

The India-Japan summit takes place amid efforts by China to restrict export of rare earth elements to Japan because of the latter's support for Taiwan.

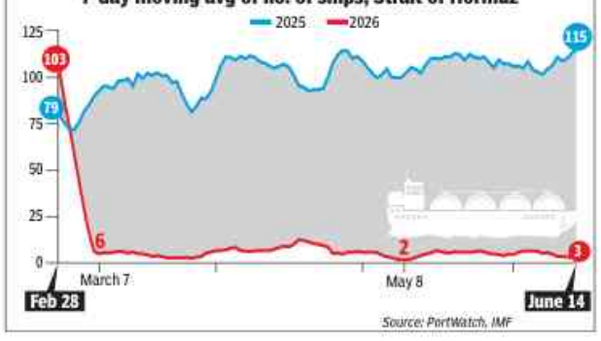
Like India, Japan is dependent on Strait of Hormuz for some of its energy supplies and recent developments in West Asia are expected to figure in the talks.

STATOISTICS A slice of life in numbers

Hormuz traffic plunged 97% due to Iran war

After the US-Israel strikes on Iran began on Feb 28, the 7-day avg of ships passing through Strait of Hormuz fell from 104 to 3 by June 14. With the war now over, will traffic on this key route return to normal?

7-day moving avg of no. of ships, Strait of Hormuz



Source: PortWatch, IMF

Bengal Police launch probe into Trinamool's bank accounts

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Kolkata: A dissident MLA's complaint alleging substantial unaccounted deposits in Trinamool Congress's name led Bengal Police to open a probe Friday into the party's bank accounts under penal sections pertaining to organised crime, cheating and criminal conspiracy.

Bidhannagar police commissionerate's cybercrime wing registered the case under BNS and Information Technology Act after legislator Biswanath Das sought an investigation into the source and movement of funds through three accounts in TMC's name with HDFC Bank's Central Plaza branch in Kolkata.

The probe was ordered a day after the news broke that former minister Aroop Biswas had written to HDFC Bank a week ago asking for the party's accounts to be frozen.

Biswas, who signed TMC's audit report to Election Commission in his role as treasurer, was removed from the post June 5. According to the report, the three accounts hold Rs 535 crore, which constitutes over half of the party's total declared funds of Rs 1,018.8 crore, as on March 31, 2025.

Das alleged funds generated through illegal activities, including misuse of influence, had been channelled through electronic banking platforms before being deposited. "The MLA has asked police to probe if digital communication systems and online banking mechanisms had been used to conceal movement of funds. He also urged us to preserve banking records, KYC documents and electronic transaction data," a cop said.

Chaos at airport as BJP, TMC workers clash

Chaos broke out at Kolkata airport late Friday as TMC and BJP supporters clashed near the arrival terminal, **reports Tamaghna Banerjee**. Sources said a group of BJP supporters had gathered with rotten eggs, allegedly planning to target TMC"s Abhishek Banerjee on his return from Delhi. Word of the plan reached TMC supporters, who rushed to the spot and confronted them. A scuffle erupted, with the camps exchanging blows, hurling abuses and using helmets and other objects as weapons. Escorted by a police contingent, Abhishek quickly boarded a waiting vehicle and left without interacting with supporters.

Lightning hits plane in Kol airport, 2 staff hurt

Subhro Niyogi & Tamaghna Banerjee | TNN

Kolkata: A lightning struck an Agartala-bound IndiGo aircraft, with 141 passengers and six crew members on board, moments before departure at the Kolkata airport on Friday morning. An immediate power outage and panic among flyers forced the airline to deboard the passengers and arrange for a replacement aircraft after mandatory safety inspections.

Two ground staff members, who were on the tarmac, had to be taken to a hospital. They were discharged after treatment. The incident occurred around 9.30 am, when the Airbus A320 Neo was stationed at Stand 56L and ready-ing for departure.

According to airport officials, boarding was completed and the aircraft doors were closed when lightning struck the plane. The blinding flash and the deafening thunderclap not only shook the passengers and crew members but also briefly knocked out power inside the aircraft, adding to the anxiety on board. Some reported temporary hearing difficulties.

"As a precautionary measure, passengers were deboarded and taken back to the terminal. After the aircraft underwent the required inspections, the airline arranged for an alternative aircraft. The flight finally took of at 12.50 pm," an airport official said.

India & Nepal launch joint survey of 'encroached' land along U'khand border

Bageshwar: Authorities from India and Nepal launched a joint survey after allegations that citizens from Nepal "have encroached upon nearly six bigha of land within no-man's-land zone" near Thapliyal Kheda village along India-Nepal border in Uttarakhand's Champawat district of Kumaon region, **reports Yogesh Nagarkoti**.

Officials from the forest department and the Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) inspected the site on Thursday. Teams from Nepal's Armed Police Force and other police personnel joined them. SDM Pramod Kumar led the survey. The joint survey was held to determine the exact status of the land and resolve the matter.

Sharing details with **TOI** Friday, SDM Kumar said that officials went to the site after receiving information about the "encroachment".

He added: "A few individuals were found carrying out farming activities on the land. The matter is being examined and appropriate action will be taken based on the survey report."

Thapliyal Kheda is close to Nepal's Brahmadev Mandi across Tanakpur border, surrounded on three sides by Nepal, making the area sensitive from a border management perspective.

HC upholds tribunal order in Vanpic case, junks ED's appeals

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Hyderabad: Telangana high court on Friday dismissed a batch of appeals filed by Enforcement Directorate challenging an order of the Appellate Tribunal under the PMLA.

The tribunal had directed the release of properties attached in connection with the alleged Vanpic quid pro quo case involving Andhra Pradesh former chief minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy and industrialist Nimmagadda Prasad. A division bench comprising Justices P Sam Koshy and Suddala Chalapathi Rao upheld the tribunal's July 2019 order, observing that no additional material or valid grounds had been presented to warrant interference.

'Undue benefits'

The court categorically held that it found no reason to disturb the tribunal's conclusions. The bench also noted that the tribunal's reasoning adequately addressed the issues raised and did not call for appellate intervention. The appeals were filed by the ED against several companies and individuals, including Jagan and Prasad. According to the ED, Prasad allegedly received undue benefits in the Vanpic project and, in return, invested ₹854.50 crore in companies linked to Jagan as quid pro quo. On this basis, the ED had attached multiple properties and initiated proceedings under the PMLA.

Chronology of events

The tribunal, however, examined the chronology of events and concluded that the investments in Jagan-linked companies were made prior to the conception of the Vanpic project. It held that the investments could not therefore be treated as bribes or illegal gratification tied to the project and accordingly directed the release of the attached assets.

Challenging these findings, the ED approached the HC seeking to set aside the tribunal's order. The matter was reserved for judgment in Dec 2025.

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YOGI SAYS NO DONATION SCAM CULPRIT WILL BE SPARED, ACCUSES OPPN OF TRYING TO DEFAME RAM TEMPLE

PM to lead ceremony to commission two warships into Navy

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New Delhi: In a big boost to India's naval fleet strength, the Indian Navy is scheduled to commission three indigenously-built frontline platforms – advanced stealth frigate Dunagiri, survey vessel (large) Sanshodhak, and anti-submarine warfare shallow water craft (ASW-SWC) Agray – in Kolkata on Sunday. The landmark ceremony of the commissioning of three ships will be presided over by PM Narendra Modi.

Designed by the Indian Navy's Warship Design Bureau and constructed by Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE), Kolkata, the vessels represent key operational capabilities across maritime combat, hydrographic surveying and anti-submarine warfare. These platforms will bolster India's blue-water capability, shallow-water anti-submarine operations, and oceanographic surveying.

Together, they reflect the Navy's balanced approach to capability development, strengthening blue-water operations, enhancing maritime domain awareness, and securing coastal waters against evolving threats, a defence ministry release said.

Dunagiri, the fifth Project 17A stealth frigate, is equipped with advanced weapons and sensors, including BrahMos surface-to-surface missiles and the medium-range surface-to-air missile system, significantly enhancing the Navy's combat capability.

Sanshodhak, the fourth Survey Vessel (Large), is designed for coastal and deep-water hydrographic surveys and collection of oceanographic and geophysical data for defence and civil applications, and is equipped with advanced survey systems, including autonomous underwater vehicles and remotely operated vehicles.

Agray, the fourth of the Arnala-class ASW-SWC, is equipped with lightweight torpedoes, indigenous rocket launchers, and shallow-water sonar systems to detect and engage underwater threats in littoral waters.

The three platforms demonstrate the growing maturity of India's indigenous shipbuilding ecosystem, with indigenous content exceeding 75%. Their construction involved extensive participation by Indian industry, including more than 200 MSMEs, and generated substantial direct and indirect employment.

Photos showing me with woman morphed: Mahajan

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Nashik: Water resources minister Girish Mahajan on Friday said images circulating on social media showing him with a woman were "morphed" and confirmed that a police complaint had been filed. The photos surfaced online the morning, sparked a political stir.

"I will clarify this issue soon. I have already registered a complaint in Mumbai. The photos are morphed. I have seen the original selfie pictures, but these have been altered. People seen in the background have been cropped out to make it appear as though only two individuals are in the frame. I have requested a detailed probe, and the truth will come out," Mahajan said while speaking to the media.

Amid the controversy, Shiv Sena deputy leader Sushma Andhare also commented on the issue on X, further fuelling discussions across social media platforms.

A corporator in Jalgaon has registered a complaint in this regard. Jalgaon superintendent of police Shrikant Dhivare confirmed that, based on the complaint, a case has been registered at the Jalgaon Cyber police station against a social media account holder. "Fake, AI-generated images of minister Girish Mahajan with objectionable text were created and circulated on social media," he said.

The case has been registered under sections 356 (criminal defamation) and 3(5) (acts done by several persons with common intention) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), along with relevant provisions of the Information Technology Act. Inspector Satish Gorade is leading the investigation to identify those responsible for uploading and circulating the allegedly morphed images.

BEST strike to continue for 2nd day, cripples Mumbai transport

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Mumbai: The bus strike in Mumbai is likely to continue for yet another day as the unions' talks with govt and senior BEST officials ended in a deadlock on Friday evening.

The city's public transport system was thrown into disarray on Friday morning after an indefinite strike by BEST employees brought bus services to a near-complete halt and slightly affected power supply operations in parts of the island city. The impact was particularly visible in business hubs such as Bandra-Kurla Complex (BKC), where the MMRDA's 'Public Transport Day' event was overshadowed by the absence of buses, forcing office-goers to walk long distances from railway stations or rely on expensive alternatives.

Talks with govt and senior BEST officials on Friday evening ended in deadlock and the strike by staffers continued.

While only nine BEST-owned and 39 wet lease buses operated out of a total fleet of 2,800 buses on Friday, there were 26 incidents reported including 10 of stone pelting, 10 cases of threats issued to drivers, air removed from tyres of three buses, three front mirrors broken, said BEST spokesperson. The strike call by the BEST Sanyukt Kamgar Kruti Samiti, an umbrella body of 12 unions, left nearly 23 lakh daily commuters stranded and sparked widespread inconvenience across the metropolis.

Trade deals open new mkts, opportunities for youth: PM

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New Delhi: Trade agreements with various countries have opened new markets for Indian industries and created new opportunities for Indian professionals, and it was for businesses and youth to make the best use of these opportunities, PM Narendra Modi said Friday.

At an event, where he distributed incentives to the beneficiaries of Prime Minister Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana (PM-VBRY), Modi said India has signed free trade agreements with nearly 40 countries, creating new avenues for Indian brands in global markets and emphasised that the country must focus on quality to remain competitive internationally.

PTI

PM Narendra Modi interacts with beneficiaries under the Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana, in New Delhi

"There is one key formula to take advantage of all these opportunities. That formula is quality - quality in education, quality in skills, quality in services, quality in products and even quality in packaging," he said. "If we want to sustain ourselves in the global market, we must meet the highest international standards and make excellence our identity," Modi added.

PM transferred Rs 2,400 crore to bank accounts of beneficiaries under PM-VBRY through direct benefit transfer as incentives to support the creation of 15 lakh employment opportunities. Govt's flagship employment-linked incentive scheme, aimed at helping first-time job seekers and expanding social security coverage across sectors, was launched in Aug last year. Modi said most schemes are focused either on employees or employers, this programme simultaneously supports both.

Modi said nearly 70 lakh new jobs have been created so far, and an equal number of first-time employees brought under the ambit of social security. He added that close to 20 lakh young people have completed six months in their first jobs.

Pak man who crossed LoC sent back, handshakes mark handover

Srinagar: A Pakistani national detained after crossing the LoC in J&K's Kupwara district last week has been repatriated, with the handover formalities marked by handshakes between the two armies.

Asad Khan's handover took place Thursday at Aman Setu peace bridge over Kishanganga river in Kupwara's Teetwal, in the presence of senior officials. Khan, a native of Pakistan's Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province who had been staying in PoK capital Muzaffarabad, had been detained near Kupwara's Samari village on June 12 after crossing the LoC. Khan was treated "with dignity and compassion, reflecting the Indian Army's unwavering commitment to humanitarian values and conduct", the Army said. "His safe repatriation underscores the Indian Army's ethos, responsibility and adherence to the highest standards of military professionalism," the Army added. TNN

'Dead also have rights': T'gana HC surprised over bank plea to shift graves

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Hyderabad: Telangana high court on Friday expressed shock at the prospect of ordering the relocation of graves from a parcel of land at Nadergul near Badangpet, while hearing a petition filed by IDBI Bank. The bank sought directions to remove graves from the land mortgaged to it by a private company, arguing that the presence of a burial site obstructed recovery proceedings.

The bank had extended a term loan of Rs 3.9 lakh in 2009 to Melange Clothing Ltd, which mortgaged over 2,100 square yards of the land. When the company defaulted, the bank initiated recovery and auctioned the property in 2025. However, the process stalled when an advocate commissioner, appointed by the chief judicial magistrate to secure possession, discovered recent burials on the site.

Justice B Vijaysen Reddy, hearing the matter, observed: "The dead also have rights like living persons are guaranteed rights by the Constitution. Sentiments that have to be respected in such situations." The judge adjourned the case to July 1, seeking responses from municipal authorities and the police, while remarking that such disputes stem from banks' "incomplete and compromised verification process" before disbursing loans.

Counsel Ch Ravinder, appearing for IDBI, argued that police and municipal verification confirmed the graves were unauthorised and not part of any recognised burial ground under the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation Act or Telangana Municipalities Act. Citing precedents from the HC and SC on exhumation and relocation of bodies buried outside lawful grounds, the bank contended that municipal authorities were legally bound to intervene. It asked directions to the authorities to exhume and relocate the bodies to an authorised cemetery.

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- Modern, Capacity Expanded Fishing Harbour, Frasergunj
- Modern Fish Market, Sainthia, Birbhum, West Bengal

Launch of
- Digital Agriculture Mission in West Bengal
- Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana/Restructured Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme in West Bengal
- National Mission on Natural Farming in West Bengal
- Prime Minister Dhan Dhaanya Krishi Yojana in West Bengal

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Prime Minister

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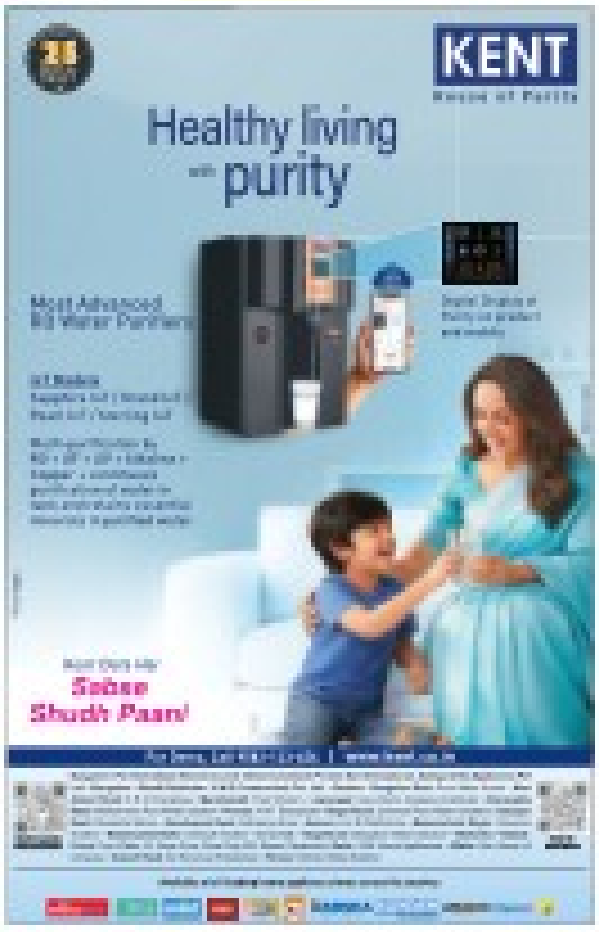


Same state, very different odds for a child

SRS 2024 shows sharp intra-state disparities, with tribal belts and some unexpected regions recording far worse child mortality indicators

Navya Vij

It is well known that indicators such as the (IMR) and under-5 mortality rate vary widely across states. But the latest Sample Registration System (SRS) report shows that disparities can be stark even within the best-performing states. In Kerala, for instance, IMR and under-5 mortality in the northern districts are about three times the levels seen in the southern districts.

SRS 2024 provides estimates by what are called "NSS natural divisions". A study of these regions throws up a clear pan-India pattern: tribal belts within states tend to have significantly higher IMR and under-5 mortality than the rest of the state, perhaps reflecting limited access to healthcare and nutritional deficits. This pattern is evident in Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Odisha.

In Maharashtra, for instance, coastal regions have IMR and under-5 mortality as low as 8, whereas the eastern region has almost three times that level, with IMR at 22 deaths per 1,000 live births and under-5 mortality at 23. The eastern NSS region includes the state's tribal districts in Vidarbha, around Nagpur.

Similarly, in Chhattisgarh, Northern Chhattisgarh, which includes districts such as Surguja, Koriya and Surajpur, tops the chart with an IMR of 51 and under-5 mortality of 52. Southern Chhattisgarh, which includes Bastar, is only a little better, with IMR at 39 and under-5 mortality at 45. The rest of the state, where the tribal population is relatively lower, has rates of 33 and 36 respectively.

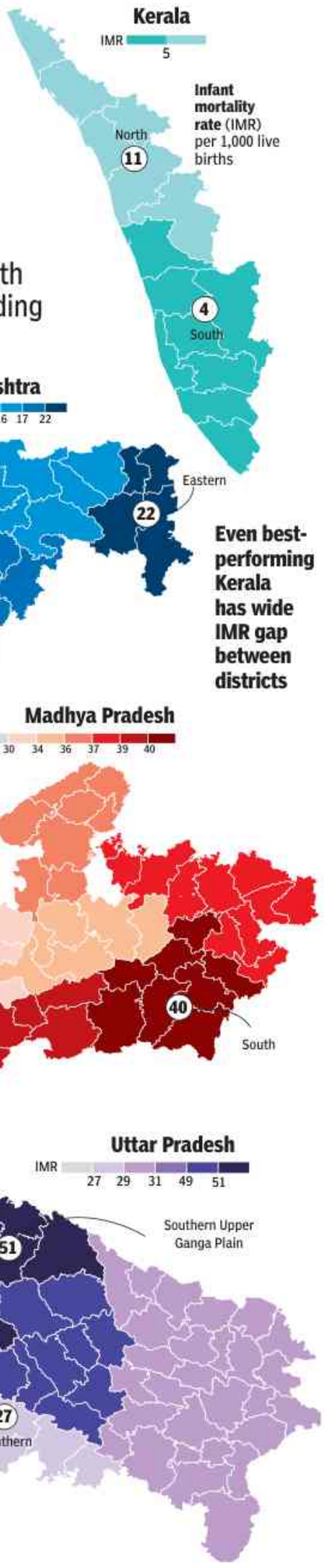
A similar pattern holds in southern Rajasthan, where IMR is 35 and under-5 mortality is 49, against the state averages of 28 and 34 respectively. In Madhya Pradesh too, the southern parts, which have substantial tribal populations, record the worst levels on these two parameters.

Not all intra-state variation, however, can be linked to tribal belts. That is not a factor in Kerala, nor is it in Uttar Pradesh, where the Southern Upper Ganga Plains have an IMR of 51 and under-5 mortality of 59 — the highest for any region in the country.

The pattern in Uttar Pradesh is harder to explain. The region that fares second-worst after the Southern Upper Ganga Plains is the Central region, with IMR at 49 and under-5 mortality at 55. Between them, these two regions include some of the state's biggest cities, such as Lucknow, Kanpur, Agra, Mathura and Meerut. In contrast, the Eastern region, widely seen as backward, has an IMR of 29 and under-5 mortality of 34.

In Assam, the Central Brahmaputra Plains division has the state's highest under-5 mortality rate, at 44 deaths per 1,000 live births. Could this be linked to the region's vulnerability to flooding and the diseases that follow every year?

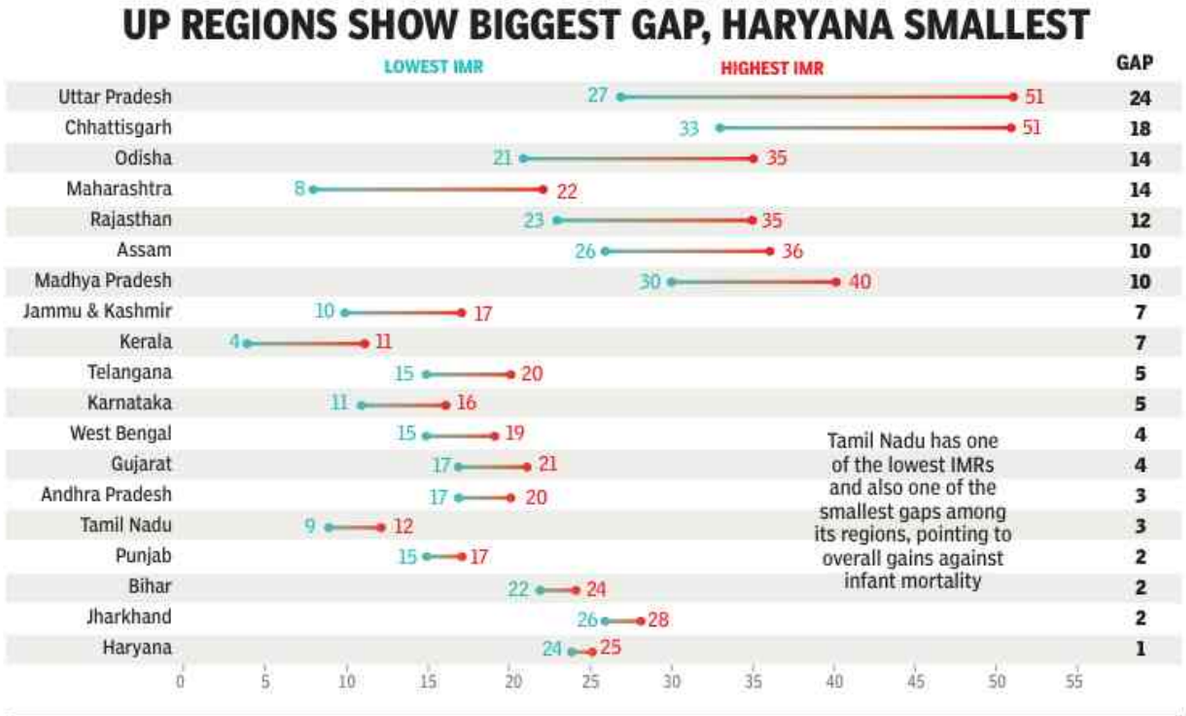
Not all states, however, show such wide internal variations. This is true both of some of the best-performing states, such as Tamil Nadu, and of states with significantly higher child mortality rates, such as Haryana.



Under-5 Mortality Shows Same Trend

U5 mortality rate in northern Kerala is 13 per 1,000 live births, more than thrice that in the state's southern region. Similar gaps are visible across states. In UP, southern upper Ganga plain has an U5MR of 59 — the highest for any sub-region in the country — as against 31 in its best performing southern region.

UP REGIONS SHOW BIGGEST GAP, HARYANA SMALLEST



Abhishek: Hope speaker won't choke democracy

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Terming the rebels' claim of merger as "invalid, Abhishek told reporters that "it is very clearly laid out (in Tenth Schedule of Constitution) that if a member voluntarily gives up their membership of a party, then that is ground for disqualification from the House".

On rebel MPs' statement they have the requisite two-third numbers — threshold required to be exempt from the law and retain membership of the House — he said that "the merger will be accepted only when two-third of the political party merges with another political party and not just the legislative party".

"We have left it to the judgement and wisdom of the Speaker and requested him to take a decision expeditiously after listening to both sides. Speaker has said he will listen to the other side again and call us once more. I hope Speaker will work as per the Constitution and not choke democracy," Abhishek said.

He said "if they (rebels) have any integrity left, they should leave their posts and get elected to the House when elections happen". "They are joining hands with BJP because they can't fight; someone has to escape ED, CBI...some are getting money, or being threatened...," he alleged, adding that he has "concrete proof", and those who have objections can approach a court where he will produce the evidence.

Youth's murder sparks violent protest in UP

Lucknow: The murder of a 25-year-old man in UP's Sant Kabir Nagar triggered violent protests, arson and road blockade by his family members and villagers on Thursday night.

The victim, Anand, a resident of Kolki Chamarasan village, was attacked around 10.30pm while returning home. Police said an assailant chased Anand and struck him on the neck with a sharp-edged weapon. Anand died on the spot.

Angry villagers and victim's family allegedly torched the house of accused, whose family had already fled. Fresh protests erupted Friday morning. TNN

Noida 77-yr-old pushed by IIT grad after parking spat, dies

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Noida: A 77-year-old retired bank employee died hours after he was allegedly pushed to the ground by his neighbour during a fight over parking in Noida's Sector 15 on Thursday night. An FIR was registered against the accused — a 30-year-old IIT engineer employed with a private company —for culpable homicide not amounting to murder.

Police said the victim, Prakash Chandra (77), and the accused, Ansh Goyal (30), lived in adjoining houses and had been involved in a long-running dispute over parking in the common open space outside their buildings.

Around 10pm on Thursday, when Goyal returned from office and began parking his motorcycle next to Chandra's two-wheeler outside the latter's house, the elderly man objected. The argument escalated within a few minutes.

"The two exchanged heated words. At one point, Ansh pushed Chandra to the ground. He slumped and suffered injuries to his hands and elbow," said Amit Kumar Maan, SHO of Phase 1 police station.

Hearing the commotion, family members rushed out and took an injured Chandra to a nearby hospital. Police said he was conscious and speaking on the way. At the hospital, doctors even conducted an ECG before beginning treatment.

But his condition deteriorated late at night. He died around 2.30am on Friday, officials said. "Prima facie, it appears he may have suffered internal head injuries. The exact cause of death will be confirmed only after the autopsy reports are ready," Maan said.

An FIR was registered against Goyal under sections 105 (culpable homicide not amounting to murder) and 352(3) (intentional insult with intent to provoke breach of peace) of BNS.

Police said statements of the deceased man's family members and neighbours are being recorded.

SC: Citizens can take civic body, govts to court for violations

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Interestingly, SC said violation of the right to walk would entitle citizens to file writ petitions before SC and HCs to seek remedies against civic authorities and govts concerned for restitution and compensation. The right to move constitutional courts would be independent of the citizens' right to seek compensation through motor accident claims tribunals under the Motor Vehicles Act, it said.

Rechristening the individual claims case as 'Re: Fundamental Right to Walk and Footpath', the bench asked the SC registry to send a copy of the judgment to the Union ministries of housing and urban affairs, rural development, and road transport and highways so as to enable them to reflect on "the compelling necessity for initiating the necessary legal framework".

It also urged the Law Commission to examine formulating a statutory framework for protecting the right, identify the duty-bearers and lay down remedies. "Constitutional courts also have a duty to declare with clarity the existence of this fundamental right and ensure that the existing civil and the constitutional remedies are accessible and effective," Justices Narasimha and Chandurkar said.

While awarding a compensation of Rs 11.5 lakh to the father of the deceased minor, the bench said, "A wide, well-demarcated and uninterrupted footpath can change the beauty of, and equitable access to, our cities and towns and could truly be transformative of our urban and rural living.

"In reality, how much does it take to create a well-demarcated footpath wherever a road exists? All that the fundamental right to walk demands is a comfortable space for an easy and carefree walk. Should this not be the minimum of the minimum duty that a municipal authority owes to the citizens?"

Referring to walking as intrinsic to human civilisation, development, religion, culture and even politics ('padyatras' by politicians), the bench said walking was not just motion, but embodied expressional, congregational and associational rights which sadly, had not been recognised as a right as primacy was given to motor vehicles.

To 'prevent encroachments', Ahd civic body to narrow footpaths

Ahmedabad: Ahmedabad municipal corporation (AMC)'s decision to narrow city footpaths to curb encroachment appears to be at odds with the minimum widths specified in its own policy document. Walkways in the city, which currently range from 1-5 metres, are now set to shrink further.

Standing committee chairman Kamlesh Patel has directed officials to limit footpath width "wherever possible to prevent illegal occupation", arguing that excessive pedestrian space often facilitates misuse by hawkers rather than helping commuters. During a recent meeting, committee members insisted that future designs must be "proportionate", prioritising practical utility over paved areas built mainly for aesthetics, Patel said.

However, AMC's own document, "Comprehensive Policy to address issues of Traffic, Road safety, Encroachment and Cattle Menace for Ahmedabad city", sets minimum obstruction-free footpath widths by road type — 2.5m in CBD and commercial zones, 2m on arterial roads, 1.8m on sub-arterial and collector roads, and 1.5m in local and residential areas.

The document requires every redevelopment or repair project to include a continuous, 1.5m, kerb- or bollard-protected footpath on both sides, running uninterrupted across driveways and bus stops. TNN

Claims of 75 judges & ministers visting UK for badminton event false: Govt to Delhi HC

Times News Network

New Delhi: Central govt told Delhi high court Friday that social media posts and reports of more than 75 judges and ministers travelling to London to participate in a badminton event are "completely false and misleading".

Its response came on a plea filed by the Badminton Association of India (BAI) seeking action against social media posts and online publications allegedly spreading false claims that judges of constitutional courts, Union ministers and members of the executive participated together in a badminton tournament in London.

HC indicated that social media and digital platforms should take down such false content, furnish subscriber details of accounts behind the posts

After hearing the matter, Justice Tejas Karia said he will pass an order and indicated that social media intermediaries and digital platforms should take down such false content, furnish subscriber details of accounts responsible for uploading and disseminating the posts.

HC also asked the ministry of electronics and information technology (MeitY) to examine the matter and take appropriate action in accordance with law. The plea said photographs from the All India Judges' Badminton Championship held at Thyagaraj Stadium in New Delhi on Nov 29, 2025, were wrongly circulated online and falsely projected as photographs from the London event, exposing a misinformation campaign being carried out through social media posts.

The petition further stated that despite the claims having been debunked by the PIB Fact Check Unit, the allegedly false content continued to be circulated on various social media platforms.

CBI quizzes ex-Kolkata officers in R G Kar case

Kolkata: Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) Friday questioned a former commissioner of Kolkata Police and two former deputy commissioners as as part of its probe, which has been reopened, into allegations of evidence destruction and attempts to shield the culprits in the Aug 2024 R G Kar rape-murder case.

Among those questioned is Vineet Goyal, who, as chief of KP, supervised the probe. Former DC (Central) Indira Mukherjee and former DC (North) Abhishek Gupta were interrogated at length too and numerous documents were re-examined in their presence, a senior CBI official said. Mukherjee was not linked to the main probe that KP carried out for five days before it was handed over to CBI. All three were suspended in May. TNN

Pilots' org casts doubt on interim AI crash report, says AAIB must run simulator tests

Times News Network

Federation of Indian Pilots said AAIB's preliminary report on AI-171 crash appears to have deliberately omitted cockpit warning data that would have pointed to an electrical failure preceding the loss of both engines

Mumbai: The Federation of Indian Pilots (FIP) has alleged that the Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau's (AAIB) preliminary report on Air India flight 171 crash appears to have deliberately omitted cockpit warning data that would have pointed to an electrical failure preceding the loss of both engines.

The pilots' association said that simulator tests commissioned independently by them have exposed timing errors that further undermine the report's findings. FIP said it had written to the govt with a request that AAIB should run simulator tests before releasing the final report on the June 12, 2025, accident.

At a presser Friday, FIP president Capt C Randhawa said an electrical failure of the kind the federation has long alleged would have triggered a cascade of caution messages, accompanied by audio alerts, all of which would have been recorded on the cockpit voice recorder. He alleged the preliminary report chose not to reproduce that warning sequence.

He questioned why flight data recorder installed in the tail of the aircraft was damaged extensively when the tail was largely found intact. He referred to the fact that this particular recorder is solely powered by electricity and implied that the damage indicated a problem with the aircraft's electric power supply.

Randhawa said FIP commissioned 10 tests on a Boeing 787 simulator after AAIB declined repeated requests to conduct its own replication. The tests found the Ram Air Turbine, the emergency power supply in the aircraft takes 18 seconds to deploy and restore hydraulic pressure after engine shutdown, directly contradicting the preliminary report's timeline that RAT deployed four seconds after fuel control switches moved to cut off fuel supply to the engines.

Capt Randhawa invoked the 'Miracle on the Hudson' event of 2009, when a US Airways flight landed on the Hudson River shortly after take-off. The US investigating agency had initially blamed Capt Chesley 'Sully' Sullenberger for choosing to ditch in the river. But after they ran 30-35 simulator tests, they learned that the aircraft could not have made it back to the runway on time and landed safely. It was only then that Capt Sullenberger, who was alive to defend himself, was cleared. "Here we have captains who have died. No one is there to protect them," said Capt Randhawa.

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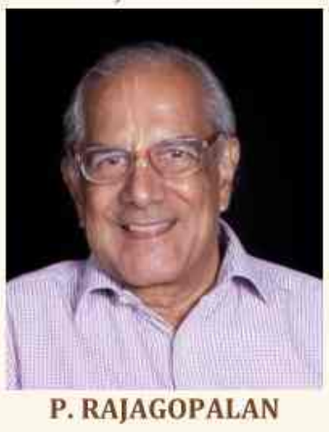

P. RAJAGOPALAN
(Retired Financial Commissioner, Indian Railways)

Beloved Husband of Mrs Sudha Rajajagopalan
Passed away peacefully on 19 Jun 2026 in Bangalore.

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Mrs Sudha Rajagopalan (Wife),
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Provision of Double end earth heel isolators with sequential interlocking for loading / unloading points over Hubballi Division.	Rs. 61,91,786.56

Last date for submission of bids:
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Name of the Work	Approx. Value
Provision of Auxiliary Transformer for interlocking of LC gates of Hubballi Division.	Rs. 2,04,55,859.60

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The following **e-Tenders** can be accessed under the link **www.ireps.gov.in.** Offers for such e-Tender can be submitted only electronically by accessing the link **www.ireps.gov.in → login → E-Tender Stores/Supply.** Vendors may also contact the following officials to obtain clarification regarding particular tender or IREPS related information if any, Dy. CMM/P/CLW/Chittaranjan, 9163340721 or AMM/P, 9163342746 (For Notice No. A&B) Dy. CMM/M-II/CLW/Chittaranjan, 9163340708 or AMM/M, 9163340706 (For Notice No. C). **Office Address:** Office of The PCMM /CLW/Chittaranjan. **[A] No. COS/CRJ/ PUB/e-Tender/19/0162, Date: 12/06/2026. Sl. No.; Tender No.; Brief Description of Item; Quantity; Earnest Money Deposit (Rupees); Tender Closing Date & Time (IST) are as follows : [1]; 91260057;** Completely Assembled Temperature Sensor For 3 Phase Traction Motor Type 6FRA-6068, Spec. No: - 4TMS.096.085 Rev-2 or latest, STR No: CLW/TM/17320 Rev.-1 or latest, C&D No. 5760/650. [**Warranty Period:** 30 Months after the date of delivery]; **1627.00 Numbers;** ₹ 522470.00; **21/07/2026 at 11:00 AM. [2]; 91260623;** Top Coating Paint, Specification No. 4TMS.096.020 Rev-1, STR No. CLW/TM/12210, Rev-1 (Shelf Life 12 Months) [**Warranty Period:** 30 Months after the date of delivery]; **4046.00 kg;** ₹143990.00; **28/07/2026 at 11:00 AM. B] No. COS/CRJ/PUB/e-Tender/19/0162, Date: 12/06/2026. Sl. No.:[1]. Tender No.: 74263756A.** Leather Bellow with Mounting Arrangement and Hardware in a Set for WAG-9HC to CLW Drg. No: - 1209-01.018-024 Alt-1, Category No. S/9/0062. [Set means Loco Set consisting of 11 (Eleven) items as per Set Details attached]. [**Warranty Period:** 30 Months after the date of delivery]. **573.00 sets.** ₹ 963370.00. **05/08/2026 at 11:00 AM. [C] No. COS/CRJ/PUB/e-Tender/19/0162, Date: 12/06/2026. Sl. No.:[1]. Tender No.: 75263920.** Wiper Assly. Complete With Motor with Water Spraying Arrgt. As Per CLWs Specn. No. CLW/MS/ 3/050 Alt-6 and Drawing No.1209-08.032-023. [As per set details attached] [**Warranty Period:** 36 Months after the date of delivery]. **1315.00 Set.** ₹ 2000000.00. **07/07/2026 at 11:00 AM.**

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CHITTARANJAN LOCOMOTIVE WORKS

E-TENDER NOTICE

Tender Notice No.: PCMM/CLW/HWH/E-Procurement/26/24, Dated: 15/06/2026. PCMM/CLW/HWH on behalf of the President of India invites electronic bids from established reliable manufacturer for supply of the followings. The following E-Tender/s is for supply of materials for manufacture of Electric Locomotive. The Prospective/ likely suppliers are requested to look up the website **www.ireps.gov.in** for detailed instructions. These are E-Tenders only electronic offer bids shall be accepted. **Sl. No.; Tender No.; Description of Stores; Quantity; Due On; Tender Cost** are as follows: **[079]; 14262685;** Set Of Rubber Items For WAG-9/WAP-7 To Drg./Spec. No. CLW/ES/3/0151/H (Set Details Attached); As Per Tender/Document; **04/07/2026;** ₹ 0.00. **[080]; 14262677;** Set of Clips To Drg./Spec. No. CLW/ES/3/0136/E (set detail attached); As Per Tender/Document; **10/07/2026;** ₹0.00. **[081]; 21262800; 1)** Modified Ballast Block over Spg. Pocket for IGBT Loco End 2 RHS as per Drg./Spec. No. 1209-02.326-335 Alt.2, **2)** Modified Ballast Block over Spg. Pocket for IGBT Loco End 2 LHS as per Drg./Specn. No.1209-02.326-334 Alt.2, **3)** Modified Ballast Block over Spg. Pocket for IGBT Loco End 1 RHS as per Drg./Specn No. 1209-02.326-333 Alt.2, **4)** Modified Ballast Block over Spg. Pocket for IGBT Loco End 1LHS as per Drg./Specn. 1209-02.326-332 Alt.2; As Per Tender/Document; **31/07/2026;** ₹ 0.00. **[082]; 14262977;** Microprocessor Based Electronic Speed Indicating, Recording System and 01(One) Evaluation Software For Every 10 (Ten) Sets of SPM (Without Memory Card Reader Unit & Communication Cable for Master To Slave) For WAG-9/WAP-7 & WAP-5 Type 3-Phase Locomotives To Drg./Spec. No. ELRS/SPEC/SPM/0002(Rev.4); As Per Tender/Document; **06/08/2026;** ₹ 0.00. **[083]; 12262741;** Unequal Rolled Angle Size: 125 X 75 X 12THK X 9000 Lg Spec: IS: 2062:2011 GR-E 250 Cu Quality-C Killed Normalised. [Quantity Tolerance (+/-): 5%, Item Category: Normal, Total PO value variation Permitted: Max 8 lacs]; As Per Tender/Document; **10/08/2026;** ₹ 0.00. **[084]; 14262936;** Roof Mounted Air Conditioning System Without "Trough" To Drg./Spec. No. CLW/ES/3/0678, REV-0. [Warranty Period: 72 Months after the date of delivery]; As Per Tender/Document; **12/08/2026;** ₹ 0.00. **[085]; 31262533;** Earthing Choke As Per Specn: No. CLW/ES/3/0018/B; As Per Tender/Document; **07/09/2026;** ₹0.00.

PR2/386 **PCMM/CLW/Howrah**

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TIRUMALA TIRUPATI DEVASTHANAMS:TIRUPATI
TTD PRESS

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

e-Tender is invited for print and supply of 75,000 Nos of Vyasa Bharatam (108 Poems) - Telugu language books to TTD Press. For Tender Notice & details, please see the NIT.Roc. No. TTD-44021(36)/2/2026-PRESS. Please log on the website **http://www.tirumala. org and https://tender.ap.eprocurement.gov.in.** For further details contact: 0877-2264355 (or) 0877-2264292.

TTD-40021(31)/1/2026 - PRO SEC (Adv. No 85). Date - 19.06.2026 **Executive Officer**

CAUVERY NEERAVARI NIGAMA NIYAMITHA
(A Government of Karnataka Enterprises)
Office of the Executive Engineer, VC Division, Mandya-571401. Mandya Dist Ph: 08232-225046

SHORT TENDER NOTIFICATION NO-03/2026-27
Dated : 14.05.2026
Two cover System - Through e-procurement

Item wise rate tenders are Invited from Contractor of Class III & above Registered in KPWD, through e-Procurement. Total Number of Works-04, Amount put to tender- Rs. 100.00 lakhs to Rs.10000.00 lakhs. Stipulated time to Complete the Work 120 days (Including Monsoon), E.M.D- 2.0% of amount put to tender. Stipulated time to Complete the Work 18months (Excluding Monsoon), E.M.D- 1.0% of amount put to tender and should be paid through E-payment. Date of access in e-portal: As per e-portal, Last date of submission of tenders through on-line: As per e-Portal, Date of opening of Techincal bid: As per e-portal, Date of opening Financal bid: As per e-portal. For additional Information log on to kppp.karnataka.gov.in and contact on official Land-line number: 08232-255046 during office hours.

Sd/-Executive Engineer, Cauvery Neeravari Nigama Ltd VC Division, Mandya.

ವಾಶಾಸಂಇ/ಓಸಿಏ-ಮಂ/ಕೆಪಿಎಸ್ಆರ್ಎಂಜಿಕಿ/221/2026-27

OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE

Police Computer Wing, Karnataka State Police, Gate-1, 7th Floor, M.S. Building, Dr. Ambedkar Veedhi, Bengaluru-560001. Phone: 080-.22353871, email: dgppcw@ksp.gov.in, spscrb@ksp.gov.in

No.12/STS/DGP/PCW/2025-26 **Dated : 19.06.2026**

TENDER NOTIFICATION

The Inspector General of Police, Police Computer Wing, Karnataka State Police, Bengaluru invited the following tenders through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal **(www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in)** for supply, installation and Maintenance of various items as detailed below.

Sl. No.	Description	Tender No. and Date	Approx. Tender value in Rs Lakhs	Last Date for tender submission
1	Procurement of Video Management Application	KSP/2026/27/ IND0597 (Call-2)	93.00	30.06.2026 17.30 HRS
2	Purchase of Biometric Attendence Device	GeM/2026/B/ 7666818 (Call-2)	35.15	30.06.2026 17.30 HRS

The information on Pre-Bid meeting, Tender Schedule and other details can be obtained at KPP portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** for more information, please contact the above office.

Sd/-
For Inspector General of Police
Police Computer Wing, Bengaluru

DIPR/CP/1268/SA/2026-27

GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
BUILDINGS AND ROADS (NORTH) DIVISION
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

No. 294/PW/BRN/DB/JE/Tender/2026-27 Puducherry, the 19 JUN 2026

PRESS NOTICE FOR e-TENDER

e-Tender No. 10/PW/EE/BRN/2026-27

On behalf of the President of India, tenders are invited through e-Tendering by the Executive Engineer, Buildings and Roads (North) Division, Public Works Department, Puducherry for the work of "**Main work** : Development of Modern Bus Shelters to strengthen comprehensive Tourism Exploration and Improve connectivity to Spiritual, Cultural & Eco Tourism destinations in the Union Territory of Puducherry under SASCI Scheme. **Sub work** : Construction of 75 nos of Type I & 25 nos of Type-II Modernized Bus Shelters at various locations in Puducherry. (IInd call)" in Tender No. 10/PW/EE/BRN/26-27 for total estimated cost of ₹. **5,75,51,900/-** (Approximately) exclusive of GST @ 18%. For further details please refer to the website **https://pudutenders.gov.in.**

Pre-bid Meeting Date, Time & Place	:	**01.07.2026 - 10.30 A.M** conference hall, Central office, PWD, Puducherry
Availability of NIT from		**10.00 AM** on **22.06.2026** to **04.00 P.M.** on **09.07.2026**
Closing time for submission of e-tender at **4.00 PM** on the same day of last date of availability of NIT.		
Date and time of opening of bid	:	on **10.07.2026** at **10.00 A.M** (Next Working Day)

No. 81/DIP/AD(PRESS)/ADVT/2026-27 **EXECUTIVE ENGINEER**

25001/442/2627

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER
RURAL WORKS CIRCLE : SUNDARGARH

AT/PO - SANKARA, SUNDARGARH-770020, E-mail address - serw_sundargarh@yahoo.com
No. Tender Online - RWCCESNG - 12 of 2026-27, Letter No. 3457/ Dtd. 19.06.2026

e-Procurement NOTICE

1. Type of the Work : Building Work
2. Class of Contractor : As specified in the column-6 of the Annexure
3. Time of Completion : As specified in the column-5 of the Annexure
4. Detail Projects : As per Annexure attached
5. Estimated Cost : As specified in the column-4 of the Annexure
6. Other details :

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender On-line for bidding		Last Date & Time of seeking Tender Clarification	Date & Time of Opening of Tender	
		From	To		Technical Bid	Financial Bid
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Sundargarh	RWCCESNG-12 of 2026-27	29.06.2026 11:00 AM	14.07.2026 5:00 PM	13.07.2026 5:00 PM	15.07.2026 11:00 AM	Will be intimated separately

Further details can be seen from the website **www.tendersodisha.gov.in.**

Sd/-
Chief Construction Engineer
Rural Works Circle, Sundargarh
OIPR-25001/25133/1/26-27/0015

LUCKNOW MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
T.N. Road, Lalbagh, Lucknow - 226001 (U.P.)
Website : www.lmc.up.nic.in

NOTICE FOR INVITING TENDER (2nd Call)

Request for Proposal for Selection of Firm/Company for Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of MRF (Material Recovery Facility) Machines at various MRF Centres within Lucknow Municipal Corporation area as per Specifications.

Lucknow Municipal Corporation hereby invites bid from experienced Companies/Firms for Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of MRF (Material Recovery Facility) Machines at various MRF Centres within Lucknow Municipal Corporation area as per Specifications. The Tender document can be downloaded from the UP-Government NIC e-tender website i.e., https://etender.up.nic.in/ & as per below given time schedule:

RFP Ref No.	D/319/EE/26	Date:- 19.06.2026
RFP Download Date	Date: 20.06.2026	
RFP last date of submission	Date: 03.07.2026	Time: 5:00 PM
Technical bid opening date	Date: 03.07.2026	Time: 6:00 PM
Tender Fee	INR. 25,000.00 + 18% GST (Rupees Twenty Five thousand Only plus GST 18%)	
Earnest Money Deposit	Rs. 6,00,000.00 (Rupees Six lakhs Only)	

Any RFP received post the scheduled deadline or without EMD, shall be rejected.

ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEER

PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited

(Regd. Office : PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala-147001)
Corporate identity Number U40109PB2010SGC033813
Website : www.pspcl.in

GVK Power (Goindwal Sahib) Limited
Regd. Office : Plot No. 10, Paigah Colony, Sardar Patel Road, Secunderabad-500003 Telangana, India CIN : U40109TG1997PLC028483
(A wholly owned subsidiary of Guru Amar Das Thermal Power Limited, GATPL)
(A step down wholly owned subsidiary of Punjab State Power Corporation Limited, PSPCL)

HOD - OPERATION, GATP, Goindwal Sahib, invites E-Tender for Procurement of Light Diesel Oil (LDO)

1	**Tender Enquiry No. 167/GATP/OPEN/20018215 dated 17/06/2026** **"Procurement of Light Diesel Oil (LDO) at** 2X270 MW Guru Amardas Thermal Plant (GATP), Goindwal Sahib, Distt.: Tarn Taran, Punjab as per details given in the tender specifications.

For detailed NIT & tender specifications, please refer to **https://eproc.punjab.gov.in** from 17.06.2026 from 17:00 Hrs. onwards.

Note : Corrigendum and addendum, if any, will be published online at **https://eproc.punjab.gov.in**

GATP-59/26, DPR/Pb.:1079/12/2026-27/12525

CHITTARANJAN LOCOMOTIVE WORKS

E- TENDER NOTICE

Tender Notice No.: PCMM/CLW /HWH/ E-Procurement/26/23, Dated: 13/06/ 2026. PCMM/CLW/HWH on behalf of the President of India invites electronic bids from established reliable manufacturer for supply of the followings. The following E-Tender/s is for supply of materials for manufacture of Electric Locomotive. The Prospective/ likely suppliers are requested to look up the website **www.ireps.gov.in** for detailed instructions. These are E-Tenders only electronic offer bids shall be accepted. **Sl. No.; Tender No.; Description of Stores; Quantity; Due On; Tender Cost** are as follows: **[073]; 31262684;** Set of Connector for Loco Except Panel For WAG-9 as per Specn. no. CLW/ES/3/0124/O [Set details as per category book attached in doc. tab] ; As Per Tender/ Document; **10/07/2026;** ₹0.00. **[074]; 25265002B; 1)** Supply, Installation & Commissioning of Pallet Racking System consist of Single Tier Shelving System with 4 bend decking panel as per attached Technical specification, System configuration and drawing for Tool Room, **2)** Supply, Installation & Commissioning of Pallet Racking System consist of Multitier (G+1) Shelving System with 6 bend decking panel as per attached Technical specification, System configuration and drawing for Non Stock Room, **3)** Supply, Installation & Commissioning of Pallet Racking System consist of Single Tier Shelving System with 6 bend decking panel as per attached Technical specification, System configuration and drawing for Canteen, **4)** Supply, Installation & Commissioning of Pallet Racking System consist of Single Tier Shelving System with 6 bend decking panel as per attached Technical specification, System configuration and drawing for Quality Room, **5)** Supply, Installation & Commissioning of Pallet Racking System consist of Single Tier Shelving System with 6 bend decking panel as per attached Technical specification, System configuration and drawing for Testing Room, **6)** Supply, Installation & Commissioning of Pallet Racking System consist of Single Tier Shelving System with 4 bend decking panel as per attached Technical specification, System configuration and drawing for MTS Room, **7)** Supply, Installation & Commissioning of Pallet Racking System consist of Single Tier Shelving System with 6 bend decking as per attached Technical specification, System configuration and drawing for Substation Store (ERS), **8)** Supply, Installation & Commissioning of Pallet Racking System consist of Single Tier Shelving System with 6 bend decking panel as per attached Technical specification, System configuration and drawing for Bogie Shop Tool Room, **9)** Supply, Installation & Commissioning of Pallet Racking System consist of Single Tier Shelving System with 6 bend decking panel as per attached Technical specification, System configuration and drawing for Bogie Shop Material Section 1, **10)** Supply, Installation & Commissioning of Pallet Racking System consist of Single Tier Shelving System with 6 bend decking panel as per attached Technical specification, System configuration and drawing for Bogie Shop Material Section 2; As Per Tender/ Document; **14/07/2026;** ₹0.00. **[075]; 14262634;** Oil Cooler Radiator For Converter /Transformer Cooling To DRG/SPEC.NO.CLW/ES/3/0102/E. [**Warranty Period:** 60 Months after the date of delivery]; As Per Tender/Document; **27/07/2026;** ₹0.00. **[076]; 31262535;** Single Core Cable 4 GKW A X 2.5 SQ.MM, 1800 V BK As Per Specn. CLW/ES/3/ 0458/E. [Quantity Tolerance (+/-): 5 %, Item Category : Normal , Total PO value variation Permitted: Max 8 lacs]; As Per Tender/Document; **28/07/2026;** ₹ 0.00. **[077]; 25255145B;** Hysteroscopy Instruments; As Per Tender/Document; **30/07/2026;** ₹0.00. **[078]; 31261179;** Temperature Sensor Oil Circuit Transformer to Specification No. CLW/ES/3/0033/H; As Per Tender / Document; **03/08/2026;** ₹ 0.00.

PR8/384 **PCMM/CLW/Howrah**

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BENGALURU CENTRAL CITY CORPORATION

Office of the Executive Engineer, Gandhinagar Division, 2nd Floor, BMP Complex, Dhanavantri Road, Bangalore-560009

No:EE/GNR/TEND/KPPP/003/2026-27 Date: 18.06.2026

Invitation for Short Term Tender (IFT)
(Two Cover System) (Through GOK KPPP only)
website: https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in

The Executive Engineer, Gandhinagar Division, BCCC, Bengaluru invites item rate tenders from eligible contractors registered in Bengaluru Central City Corporation or equivalent registration with KPWD / CPWD / Railways / MES or any State Govt. Organization for the works detailed in the table below.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work
1.	Upgradation of Sri R Gundurao Sports Complex Construction of Shishuvihara and Gym Building at Goodshed Road, Improvements to Thulasithota Road Play grounds and Parks Improvements and Other allied Works in Ward-123, Gandhinagar (Call-2). **Estimated Cost (₹ in Lakhs): 1000.00. Amount put to tender: (₹ in Lakhs) ₹: 796.31. EMD in ₹: 11,94,476/-.**
2.	Upgradation of Swimming Pool in Sheshadripuram and Improvements to Play Grounds Parks and Other allied Works in Ward-123, Gandhinagar Constituency (Call-2) **Estimated Cost (₹ in Lakhs): 1000.00. Amount put to tender: (₹ in Lakhs) ₹: 796.30. EMD in ₹: 11,94,458/-.**

Calendar of Events: 1) Last date & Time for receipt of tenders: **01-07-2026 upto 4.00 p.m. 2).** Date & Time of Opening of Technical Bid: **03-07-2026 at 12.30 noon. 3)** Date & Time of Opening Financial Bid : Will be intimated Through kppp.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Gandhinagar Division, Zone-2, BCCC.

4001/163/2627

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF GENERAL MANAGER (CIVIL)
IDCO, IDCO TOWER, BHUBANESWAR
Bid Identification No. Civil/EST/07/2026-27
TCN No. 15392 dt. 30/05/2026

NOTICE INVITING TENDER UNDER NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDING THROUGH e-Procurement

1. **Name of the Work**: Construction of Block level Stadium (with Indoor Hall) in Hemgiri Block under Sundargarh District.
2. **Value of the Work** : Rs. 1484.49 lakhs
3. **Period of completion** :12 (Twelve) Calendar Months
4. **Availability of tender online for Bidding** :
   - I. **Start Date** : 18:00 Hours of dt 23.06.2026.
   - II. **End date** : 17:00 .Hours of dt.08.07.2026.
   - III. **Opening date** : 11.30 Hours of dt.09.07.2026.

Tender details can be seen from the e-procurement portal. **www.tendersorissa.gov.in.** Corrigendum or Addendum if any will not be published in newspapers and can be seen **in e-procurement portal as well as in IDCO website.**

Sd/-
Chief General Manager (Civil)
IDCO, Bhubaneswar
OIPR-4001/4075/1/26-27/0052

13001/908/2627

WATER CORPORATION OF ODISHA

OFFICE OF THE MANAGING DIRECTOR
GROUND FLOOR, UNNATI BHAWAN, HOUSING BOARD COLONY
SATYANAGAR, BHUBANESWAR, ODISHA - 751007
Phone # +91-674-2391444, e-mail: mdwatcoodisha@gmail.com/watcoodisha@gmail.com

NOTICE INVITING BID

NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING THROUGH e-PROCUREMENT
Bid Identification No. WATCO (W)- 08/2026-27, Dt.17.06.2026
No. 5864/Date: 17.06.2026
[File No.WAT-3007/2026-27]

DETAILED TENDER CALL NOTICE (DTCN) FOR

Strengthening and Establishing 46 Nos. Water Quality Testing Laboratory in Water Treatment Plants (WTP)/ULB under WATCO and Water Quality Monitoring for the Period of Ten Years.

The **Managing Director, WATCO, Bhubaneswar** on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites **Lump Sum Bids** through **e-Procurement** in conformity with the terms and conditions of the Detailed Tender Call Notice (DTCN) in Two Bid system (Part-I: General & Technical Bid and Part-II: Price Bid) from intending Agencies/Firms having experience and expertise in Establishment of Water Testing Laboratories acceptable as per the NABL guideline and fulfilling minimum eligibility criteria and other detailed qualifying requirements. The firm is advised to examine carefully all instructions in the DTCN Document.

SN	Name of the Work	Value of Work (Rs. Lakh)	Bid Security (EMD) (Rs. Lakh) (Online)	Setting up Period / O&M Period	Bid Processing Fee + GST @18% (in Rs.) (Online)
1.	Strengthening and Establishing 46 Nos. Water Quality Testing Laboratory in Water Treatment Plants (WTP)/ULB under WATCO and Water Quality Monitoring for the Period of Ten Years.	361.56	3.62	06 (Six) Months/ 10 (Ten) Years	11800.00

The complete DTCN document can be viewed/downloaded from e-procurement portal of the State Government **https://tendersodisha.gov.in** from **23.06.2026 (11.00 hrs. IST) to 13.07.2026 (17.00 hrs. IST).** DTCN must be submitted online. DTCN through any other mode shall not be entertained.

Name & Address of the Officer Inviting RFP : **The MANAGING DIRECTOR, WATCO, Ground Floor, Unnati Bhawan, Satyanagar, Bhubaneswar-751007, Dist. Khordha, Odisha, India. Email: mdwatcoodisha@gmail.com/watcoodisha@gmail.com**

Interested bidders may download the Detailed Tender Call Notice Documents (the "DTCN" document) from the above website to see further details for participation in the online bidding.

All amendments, time extension, clarifications etc. will be uploaded in the website only. Bidders should regularly visit the above website to keep themselves updated.

Sd/-
MANAGING DIRECTOR, WATCO
OIPR-13001/13263/1/26-27/0008

उदयपुर विकास प्राधिकरण, राजस्थान

No. :- F-2(01)Acct/Contract/2026-27/82 - 84 Date :- 11/06/2026

ई-निविदा सूचना संख्या : 22/2026-27

उदयपुर विकास प्राधिकरण, उदयपुर द्वारा निम्नलिखित कार्यों मय डिफेक्ट लाईबिलिटी अवधि के लिये जो कि निविदा प्रपत्र में अंकित है के लिये उपयुक्त श्रेणी में पंजीकृत संवेदकों से निर्धारित प्रपत्र में ई–टेण्डरिंग के माध्यम से ऑनलाईन निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है :–

निविदा कार्यों की कुल लागत	रूपये 2299.55 लाख (05 कार्य)
ऑनलाईन निविदा प्रपत्र डाउनलोड / अपलोड करने की अवधि	16.06.2026 को प्रातः 10.00 बजे से 14.07.2026 को सांयः 6.00 बजे तक
Online EMD, Tender Fee & Processing Fee जमा कराने की तिथी	16.06.2026 को प्रातः 10.00 बजे से 14.07.2026 को सांयः 6.00 बजे तक
ऑनलाईन निविदा खोलने की तिथी	15.07.2026 को प्रातः 11:00 बजे (तकनिकी बिड)

विस्तृत विवरण वेबसाईट **urban.rajasthan.gov.in/uitudaipur, www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in** व **www.sppp.rajasthan.gov.in** पर देखा जा सकता है।

UBN No. : ITU2627WLOB00091 To ITU2627WLOB00095

अधिशाषी अभियन्ता - विद्युत
उदयपुर विकास प्राधिकरण

राज.संवाद/सी/26/5238

New Tirupur Area Development Corporation Ltd.

"Polyhose Towers" Ist Floor, No: 86, Mount Road, Guindy, Chennai - 600 032

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Tenders are invited in two cover (Technical Bid & Price Bid) system for Procurement, Construction and Commissioning of Combined Water Supply Scheme for providing 3.5 MLD to SIPCOT Defense Industrial Park, Varapatti, 2.0 MLD to TIDCO Aerospace Industrial Park, Sulur and 3.0 MLD to TIDCO Semi-Conductor Industrial Park, Kethanur from NTADCL Water Distribution Station (WDS 24) Murugampalayam, Tirupur

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Tender Bid Documents can be obtained from: **https://tntenders.gov.in / www.ntadcl.com**

For further details, please contact :
The Chief Technical Officer,
New Tirupur Area Development Corporation Ltd.,
Kumaran Commercial Complex, First Floor, Kumaran Road, Tirupur - 641 601, Tamilnadu.
Phone: 0421-2486864/ 2481165. Email: tirupur@ntadcl.com

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BANGALORE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

T. Chowdaiah Road, Kumara Park West, Bengaluru - 560 020

No.: BDA/EE-NPKL/work_TN-113/2026-27 Date: 17.06.2026

INVITATION FOR SHORT-TERM TENDER
(Through GoK e-Procurement platform https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in)

On behalf of the Commissioner, BDA, Bengaluru, The Executive Engineer, NPKL Division, BDA, Bengaluru invites Item rate tenders from authorized registered companies for the **Work to install CCTV cameras in required locations of Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Layout.** Indent No. BDA/2026-27/ OW/WORK_INDENT254. Approx cost put to tender: **Rs. 100.00 lakhs** (including GST). EMD: **Rs. 2.00 lakhs** (Rs. 1.00 lakh will be as per E-procurement portal & balance amount is in the form of Bank Guarantee). Time for completion: **3 months** (including monsoon). Last date & time for receipt of Tenders: **03.07.2026 at 16.00 hrs.** For further details kindly log on to **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** or contact e-procurement helpline 080-25501216 / 25501217.

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Sd/- Executive Engineer, NKPL Division, BDA, Bengaluru

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NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

Principal Chief Engineer, Konkan Railway Corporation Ltd., invites Open Tender in Single Bid system through E-Tendering on IREPS portal from eligible contractors for the following work.

Sr. No. 1, Name of Work: Rail renewal for 77 kms (Tkm) length with 52 kg, 260m rail panels, at identified stretches in SSE Madgaon section under DEN Madgaon section between Km 378/100 to Km 459/400 in Senior Divisional Engineer, Karwar in Maharashtra and Goa state. **Tender Notice No.: KR-W-1-58-2026-08. Estimated Cost:** ₹ 6,47,83,180/- excluding GST. **Closing Date/Time:** 13.07.2026 up to 15:00 hrs for submission of online Offers/Bids. **Completion period:** Five months including monsoon.

Sr. No. 2, Name of Work: Rail renewal for 20 kms (Tkm) length with 52 kg, 260m rail panels, at identified stretches in SSE Karwar section under DEN Madgaon section between Km 459/400 to Km 556/600 in Senior Divisional Engineer, Karwar in Goa and Karnataka state. **Tender Notice No.: KR-W-1-58-2026-09. Estimated Cost:** ₹ 1,72,90,812/- excluding GST. **Closing Date/Time:** 13.07.2026 up to 15:00 hrs for submission of online Offers/Bids. **Completion period:** Three months including monsoon.

Manual offers shall not be accepted. Please visit https://ireps.gov.in website for details / participation. Corrigendum / addendum will be hosted in this website only.

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KARNATAKA EXAMINATIONS AUTHORITY

18th cross, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru-560 012
Tel: 080 - 23361786, 23564583, Fax: 080-23461576
Mail ID: keaauthority-ka@nic.in / keaacts2013@gmail.com

No.: ED/KEA/ACCTS-04/CR-96/2026-27 Date: 18/06/2026

E – TENDER NOTIFICATION

KARNATAKA EXAMINATIONS AUTHORITY for its e-procurement invites E-Tenders in two Bid System for **"Design, Printing & Supply of KEA Book".** Tender reference no. KEACET/2026-27/IND0020 Dated: 16/06/2026. & for **"Preparation, Transportation & Distribution of Food Items to KEA".** Tender reference no. KEACET/2026-27/IND0022 Dated: 18/06/2026.

The interested eligible Bidders shall download the tender documents from the Government of Karnataka e-Governance platform: **https //kppp.karnataka.gov.in** and submit its E-Bids on or **before 01/07/2026 before 05.29 PM. & 03/07/2026 before 05.29 PM. respectively.**

DIPR/CP/RO1247/AAPL/2026-27 **Sd/- Executive Director - KEA**

Government of Karnataka
VIJAYANAGARA AREA DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY. O.P.J. Centre, Ballari–Sandur by pass Road, Toranagallu–583 123, Ballari Dist.
e-mail : commissionervada@gmail.com

No:VADA/Engg/Office Building /04/2026-27
Date: 18.06.2026

Tender Notification

Tenders have been invited from eligible agencies through the KPPP Portal in two-Cover format for the development of VADA Building under the Office Development Charge of Vijayanagara Area Development Authority for the year 2026-27 Indent No. (VADA/2026-27/BD/WORK_INDENT3). **NAME OF THE WORK:** CONSTRUCTION OF VADA OFFICE AT TORANAGALLU VILLAGE, SANDUR TALUK, ALLARI DISTRICT. (VADA/2026-27/BD/WORK_INDENT3). **PROJECT COST IN LAKHS:** 191.70. **AMOUNT IN TENDER IN LAKH (WITHOUT GST):** 161.07 **EARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT IN LAKH:** 2.41

Instructions:
- Tender Form Fee: As per kppp Portal.
- Full details of the tender can be obtained only on the official website kppp Portal (http://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in) (Urban Development Department). For More Details Contact: 8395295618.
- The Tender Inviting Authority has full power to accept or reject the tender as per para 14 and 15 of KTTP Act 1999 without giving any information.
- Date for downloading tender documents through the Government's online portal: 18.06.2026 onwards.
- Last date for submission of tenders through the kppp portal: 07.07.2026 up to 5.00 PM.
- Tender opening date: 09.07.2026 at 11.00 am, if missed the next day will be notified.

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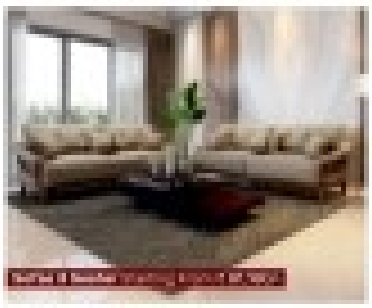

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SC: Need to probe nexus of ARCs, banks and borrowers

Seeks Govt, RBI & SFIO Response On Siphoning Of Public Money

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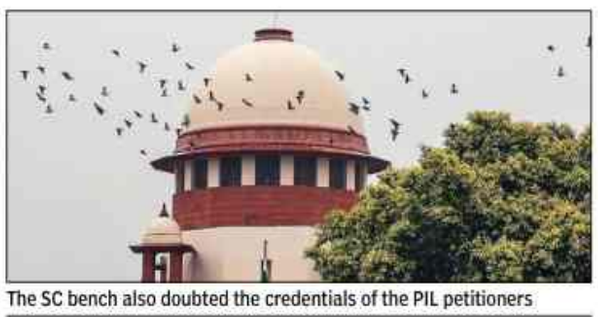
The SC bench also doubted the credentials of the PIL petitioners

New Delhi: Expressing concern over an alleged nexus between asset reconstruction companies (ARCs), borrowers and banks resulting in the siphoning of thousands of crores of public money, Supreme Court Friday sought responses from Union home and finance ministries as well as RBI and Serious Fraud Investigation Office in relation to such a scam involving JKM Infra Projects.

Appearing for a PIL petitioners, advocate Ashwini Upadhyay told a bench of CJI Surya Kant and Justice V Mohana that a debt of Rs 1,537 crore owed to public sector banks has been settled through two ARCs — Prudent and Phoenix — for a mere Rs 73.5 crore, resulting in a huge loss of public money.

The petitioner alleged that JKM Infra, a Noida-based infrastructure company controlled by the Jalan family, had taken Rs 912 crore loan from a consortium of seven banks led by State Bank of India between 2012-15 against a meagre collateral of Rs 72 crore. Soon the firm defaulted, and a forensic audit by Ernst & Young in May 2018 found that more than Rs 902 crore were siphoned to shell companies, non-existent vendors, forged work orders and undisclosed bank accounts.

Despite this finding, SBI didn't classify the account as fraud and auctioned the loan to sole bidder Prudent ARC at 75% discount for a sum of Rs 120 crore against a debt of Rs 596 crore, the petitioners alleged. During the proceedings before the debt recovery tribunal, the debt was transferred to Phoenix ARC in 2025 at Rs 73.5 crore against a total outstanding of Rs 1,537 crore, it was alleged.

"The police attempted to close the first FIR as a mere family dispute, but the trial court rejected the closure report in Jan 2026 and directed investigation into the E&Y forensic findings. The directorate of enforcement, the income tax criminal investigation wing, RBI, and the ministry of corporate affairs have all received detailed representations, but none of them have taken any appropriate and meaningful action to date," they claimed.

The bench asked the respondents, including SBI, Canara Bank, Union Bank of India, JKM Infra and its promoters, SEBI, two ARCs and E&Y, to file their responses to the PIL in four weeks and said, "We will not spare anyone. Bankers indulging in such activities is unfortunate."

On the sale of debt to ARCs, it said, "This is the cleverest device adopted by the banks. Sell the outstanding debt at 10% of the dues and allow the borrower to wriggle out of the liabilities. We do not want to go into the commercial wisdom of the banks. But if this is the commercial wisdom — give taxpayers money and make no attempt to recover it — then it would require investigation."

The bench also doubted the credentials of the PIL petitioners but said, "There is a dire need to look into the conduct of ARCs who give a complete go-by to the recovery process. There appears to be a deep-rooted nexus between ARCs, borrowers and banks for misutilisation and siphoning of public money."

Father's Day gift beyond measure: Teen donates kidney to save life of 49-yr-old

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New Delhi: For most parents, giving their children a future is a lifelong commitment. In an exemplary reversal of roles, an 18-year-old son gifted his father a second chance at life by donating one of his kidneys, overcoming what doctors described as a complex surgery.

Ahead of Father's Day on June 21, the story of 49-year-old businessman Abid Raza and his son Ali has emerged as an inspiring reminder of family bonds. Abid was battling rapidly progressive kidney failure caused by a rare autoimmune disorder, a condition in which the body's immune system mistakenly attacks its own tissues. The condition severely damaged his kidneys, leaving him dependent on regular dialysis.

"In March 2025, I developed kidney-related complications and my life changed completely. I had to undergo dialysis three times a week," recalled Abid. As his health deteriorated, a kidney transplant became his best hope for long-term survival and an improved quality of life. However, finding a suitable donor proved difficult.

That is when his son stepped forward. Preparing to pursue a Bachelor of Science degree after scoring 92% in his Class XII examinations, he did not hesitate to volunteer as a donor.

"There was no other option. My father's condition was worsening and I was the best match available in the family. There wasn't much to think about. I knew I had to do it," said Ali. However, medical tests revealed a major obstacle. Ali's blood group was B-positive, while his father's was O-positive — a combination that would ordinarily make a transplant medically incompatible.

Under normal circumstances, the recipient's immune system can identify the donor kidney as foreign and launch an attack against it, leading to rejection. Doctors at Max Super Specialty Hospital, Patparganj, opted for an advanced procedure known as an ABO-incompatible kidney transplant.

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ABO refers to the blood-group system. In such cases, doctors use specialised treatments to reduce the recipient's antibodies — proteins that would normally attack the donated organ. The process, known as desensitisation, often involves plasmapheresis, a procedure that filters harmful antibodies from the blood, along with medications that suppress immune responses before and after surgery.

"ABO-incompatible transplantation is one of the major advances in transplant medicine that allows us to offer hope to patients who may otherwise struggle to find a suitable donor," said Dr Ravi Kumar Singh, senior consultant of nephrology at the hospital.

Dr Paresh Jain, senior director of urology and kidney transplant surgery, said the case stood out not only because of the medical challenge involved, but also because of the "extraordinary commitment shown by such a young donor". He added, "Organ donation is a profound act of generosity, and Ali's decision reflected remarkable courage and maturity."

The transplant was successfully performed. The donated kidney began functioning immediately after surgery, a positive sign known as good graft function. Ali returned home four days after the donor surgery, while Abid was discharged within a week.

Toddler ingests mosquito repellent at home, recovers after three weeks of intensive care

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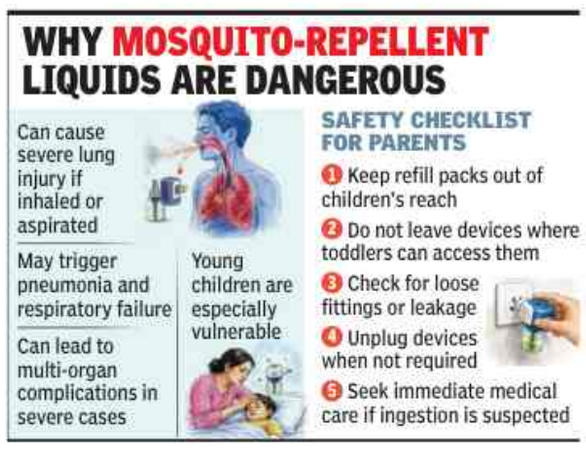

New Delhi: What began as a routine day at home turned into a medical emergency recently for a 19-month-old child who accidentally ingested mosquito-repellent liquid, leading to life-threatening lung injury and a prolonged battle for survival.

The child was rushed to Sir Ganga Ram Hospital after reportedly accessing a mosquito-repellent refill bottle and consuming some of the liquid. Doctors said part of the chemical may also have entered the lungs, triggering severe complications that left the child critically ill.

Within hours, the toddler developed acute lung injury, pneumonia, acute respiratory distress syndrome, shock, kidney injury and multi-organ dysfunction. Oxygen levels remained critically low despite intensive care, raising concerns about survival and possible long-term lung damage.

"The child came to us in an extremely critical condition. For a period, survival appeared unlikely as oxygen levels remained severely compromised," said Dr Dhiren Gupta, who led the treatment with the hospital's paediatric intensive care team comprising Dr Suresh Gupta, Dr Anil Sachdeva and Dr Neeraj Gupta.

The child remained in the paediatric intensive care unit, requiring advanced ventilatory support, medication to maintain blood pressure and specialised therapies to improve oxygenation.

After 20 days of intensive care, the toddler began to recover and was eventually discharged. Doctors said the child's neurological recovery was notable despite prolonged low oxygen levels.

The case also highlights a lesser-recognised household hazard. According to the family, the toddler pulled a chair to reach a plugged-in mosquito-repellent device and handled the refill unit.

Doctors said such products are often perceived as harmless but can be dangerous if ingested or inhaled. Even a small amount entering the lungs can cause severe chemical injury, they added.

They advised parents to keep mosquito-repellent devices, refill packs and insecticides out of children's reach, and to check for loose fittings or leaks before use.

The incident underlines how common household products can pose serious risks to young children within minutes.

Rajnath, Anant Ambani meet RSS chief in Nagpur

Nagpur: Union Defence minister Rajnath Singh Friday visited RSS headquarters in Mahal and held a closed-door meeting with its chief Mohan Bhagwat during his city tour linked to a major defence manufacturing event.

Industrialist Anant Ambani also separately met Bhagwat at the RSS headquarters later in the day and is understood to have briefed him on Vantara wildlife and conservation project.

Singh was in Nagpur to attend bhoomipuja and foundation stone laying ceremony of the 10,000-tonne extrusion press project at Ordnance Factory Ambajhari under Yantra India Ltd. After the official event, Singh attended the thread ceremony function of Union minister Nitin Gadkari's grandson before proceeding to RSS headquarters.

According to RSS functionaries, Singh and Bhagwat held discussions for nearly 45 minutes behind closed doors. While no official details of the meeting were disclosed, sources indicated that issues related to national security, India's defence preparedness, ongoing strategic developments and broader political matters may have figured in the discussions.

Former MP Ajay Sancheti accompanied Singh during the visit to the RSS headquarters. Anant Ambani's visit to the RSS headquarters later in the evening also drew attention amid increasing engagement between industry leaders and sociocultural organisations on issues linked to environment, conservation and philanthropy. TNN

HC left 'anguished' by posers to Tejpal 'rape case survivor'

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Panaji: Solicitor general Tushar Mehta, appearing for Goa, told Bombay HC Friday that a sessions court had allowed the defence to ask objectionable questions to the survivor during the trial of Tehelka founder Tarun Tejpal in the alleged rape case.

The survivor had complained that Tejpal raped her in a hotel elevator in Nov 2013. The HC is now hearing the appeal filed by state govt against Tejpal's acquittal by the trial court in 2021.

Mehta read out the questions asked to the survivor during cross-examination about her character and friendships, prompting the division bench to say: "We are extremely sorry to say it is as if the survivor herself is on trial. We are deeply anguished by these questions..."

Mehta referred to a judgment that stated that while recording evidence the court is not supposed to sit quietly like a post office or a tape recorder, but has to intervene and cannot let these questions be posed.

Stating that the survivor was of "sterling character", Mehta told the bench that she remained steadfast in her statement right from day one, despite facing leading questions during the cross-examination. Tejpal, on the other hand, kept changing his statement, the solicitor general said.

"She was virtually put on trial as if she was a woman of easy virtue and was trying to instigate the accused to do all these things," Mehta said.

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Even remote Himalayan air losing its clean edge: Study

Air Pollutants Monitored At Munsyari Between 2022 & 2023

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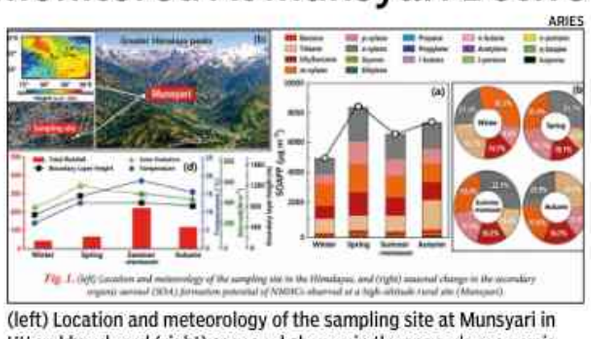
Bengaluru: Even the remote reaches of the Himalayas are no longer insulated from air pollution, with a new study finding that human activities are altering air quality in high-altitude regions once considered pristine.

Researchers from Aryabhatta Research Institute of Observational Sciences (Aries), an autonomous institute under Department of Science and Technology (DST), monitored air pollutants at Munsyari in Uttarakhand between 2022 and 2023. The findings of the team — Mahendar Chand Rajwar, Manish Naja, Prajjwal Rawat, Vikrant Tomar, Mukesh Kumar, Priyanka Srivastava and Shyam Lal — show that emissions from fuel use, vehicles and construction are contributing to the build-up of harmful gases.



(left) Location and meteorology of the sampling site at Munsyari in Uttarakhand, and (right) seasonal change in the secondary organic aerosol (SOA) formation potential of NMHCs observed at the site

The study, published in the journal Environmental Science and Pollution Research, focused on non-methane hydrocarbons (NMHCs), a group of reactive gases released from combustion and other human activities. These compounds play a major role in formation of ground-level ozone and secondary aerosols, which affect both climate and public health.

Munsyari offered researchers a rare opportunity to assess how local activities and pollution transported from elsewhere influence air quality in the Himalayas.

The team observed distinct seasonal variations. Concentrations of NMHCs were relatively low during winter and monsoon months, but increased sharply during spring and autumn. Fuel use, particularly LPG and diesel, vehicular emissions and local construction were main sources of pollution.

"Researchers also found that aromatic hydrocarbons such as benzene and xylene contribute significantly to formation of secondary pollutants. While overall pollution levels at Munsyari remain lower than those recorded in urban centres such as Haldwani and Delhi, they are higher than those measured at another Himalayan site, Nainital," DST said.

According to the study, immediate health risks are limited.

Ticketless train travel fine may double

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Mumbai: The Centre has proposed doubling the minimum penalty for ticketless travel from Rs 250 to Rs 500 and introducing higher penalties for a host of railway offences as part of a wider shift towards a penalty-based enforcement regime under Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Act, 2026.

Railway Board has informed all zonal railways that the legislation has received Presidential assent and amendments to the Railways Act, 1989, will be brought into force through a separate notification. Railway officials said the revised provisions are expected to be implemented shortly, probably from July 1

One of the key changes relates to ticketless travel. Under the revised Section 137, passengers travelling without a valid ticket or reusing an already-used ticket will have to pay the applicable fare along with excess charges, subject to a minimum charge of Rs 500. Failure to pay can result in the matter being referred to a competent court.

The amendments also revise penalties for travelling on another person's ticket. Such tickets will be forfeited, and the passenger will be required to pay the fare and excess charges, with a minimum liability of Rs 500. Unauthorised hawking and begging in trains and railway premises will attract a penalty of Rs 2,000. Repeat offenders could face imprisonment of up to one year. Passengers creating a nuisance, using abusive or obscene language, interfering with railway amenities or causing inconvenience to travellers may face a fine of Rs 1,000.

'Collective will' in redevpt projects: HC

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Mumbai: A few dissenting flat owners cannot put a spanner to a redevelopment project by refusing to sign consent declarations, once the general body of a housing society has taken a decision, the Bombay high court has observed.

"The general body represents the collective will of the membership. Decisions concerning redevelopment and matters affecting the property of the society are taken through resolutions of the general body. Such decisions are not decisions of office bearers nor of individual flat owners," HC said.

In redevelopment, this principle-of collective will assumes importance, HC stated. The housing society, Moon Craft Apartments, was formed in 1972 and the building is 50 years old with seven garages and 38 flats at a prime location off Carter Road, Bandra.

Justice Amit Borkar on June 18 granted partial relief to builder Wadhwa Estates and Developers, directing 10 defendants who own over six flats in the society to submit the 'consenting member declarations' for the project. In an arbitration petition filed by the builder against the dissenters, HC also restrained them from creating third party rights, transfers or selling the flats. However, the court didn't direct them to immediately vacate their flats or appoint a court-receiver to take possession, as sought by the builder.

In the society's special general body meeting held on Dec 5, 2021, an unanimous resolution was passed for redevelopment of the building and in May 2023 the builder was appointed to execute the project. HC said, "The reliefs sought by seeking actual eviction, delivery of possession or appointment of a court receiver for taking physical possession are, in my view, premature at this stage and must await the arrival of the contractual stage contemplated for vacation of premises under the development agreement when TDR is released."

HC heard counsel Mayur Khandeparkar and Tushar Gujjar for the builder and Shanay Shah for the housing society while Abhinav Chandrachud, Aurelius D'Silva and others for the dissenting members, before holding that "redevelopment is not an activity affecting one flat or one member. It concerns the entire building".

The HC said, "The law recognises the reality that collective decisions must govern such matters."

Man gets 10-yr RI for sexual assault of minor

Mumbai: A special court here Friday convicted and sentenced a 22-year-old labourer to 10 years of rigorous imprisonment for the kidnapping and sexual assault of a 14-year-old girl in 2015. The accused abducted the girl and transported her to West Bengal. The court noted that the accused and the victim were in a "live-in relationship"; however, the victim's consent was invalid as she was a minor. TNN

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NOTIFICATION

Applications are invited from eligible candidates for the post of Principal on a temporary basis at University College for Women, Malleshwaram.
Candidates who qualify as per UGC guidelines may come for walk-in-interview on **24.06.2026 @ 3.00 pm** at Board Room, Jnana Jyothi Auditorium, Dr. Manmohan Singh Bengaluru City University, Central College Campus, Bengaluru. For further information please visit website **www.bcu.karnataka.gov.in**

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Public are informed that my client intends to Purchase All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Residential **Site No.1060, Khatha PID No.3320020242**, situated at **2nd Block, Banashankari 6th Stage Layout**, Bangalore, measuring **East to West 15.00 Mtrs and North to South 24.00 Mtrs, totally measuring 360.00 Sq.Mtrs,** and bounded on the **East by:**Site No.1059; **West by :** Site No.1061; **North by :** Site No.1080 and **South by :** Road;
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CORRIGENDUM

Reference to the Public Notice published **in Times of India, Bengaluru Edition on Page No. 7, and in Vijaya Karnataka, Bengaluru Edition, on Page No. 5 dated 19-06-2026,** the following amendment to the description of the property mentioned in the Schedule is hereby made:

"All the piece and parcel of the transferrable development rights certificate to be issued by the Bangalore Development Authority pursuant to acquisition of the immovable property bearing Survey No. 53/9 (earlier part of Survey No. 53/8, much earlier part of Survey No. 53/2) measuring 1 acre 2½ guntas, situated at Kachamaranahalli Village, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru District...."

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PUBLIC NOTICE FOR CALLING CLAIMS RELATING to of M/s BRUNDAVAN PROPERTIES PRIVATE LIMITED, BRUNDAVAN PROPERTIES B.P.PROPERTIES, NANDI PROPERTIES, SUDARSHAN ESTATES BENGALURU. Public Notice under Section 7(2) of the Karnataka Protection of Interest of Depositors In Financial Establishments Act, 2004 (KPIDFE) calling for submission of claims from the Secured creditors and depositors of M/s BRUNDAVAN PROPERTIES PRIVATE LIMITED, BRUNDAVAN PROPERTIES B.P.PROPERTIES, NANDI PROPERTIES, SUDARSHAN ESTATES BENGALURU Claim forms will be issued at the Office of the Special Officer, & Competent Authority, (IMA & Other KPID Cases) 4th Floor, podium block, Vishveshwariah Tower, Dr.B.R.Ambedkar Road, Bengaluru-560001 to the depositor/authorized representative/nominee and in the absence of the nominee, the power of attorney holder on production of identity proof and proof of investment such as original copies of Bonds, official letter and PoA documents.

Starting date of issuing claim applications	**22-06-2026**	**10-00 AM**
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Dated: 5th June , 2026

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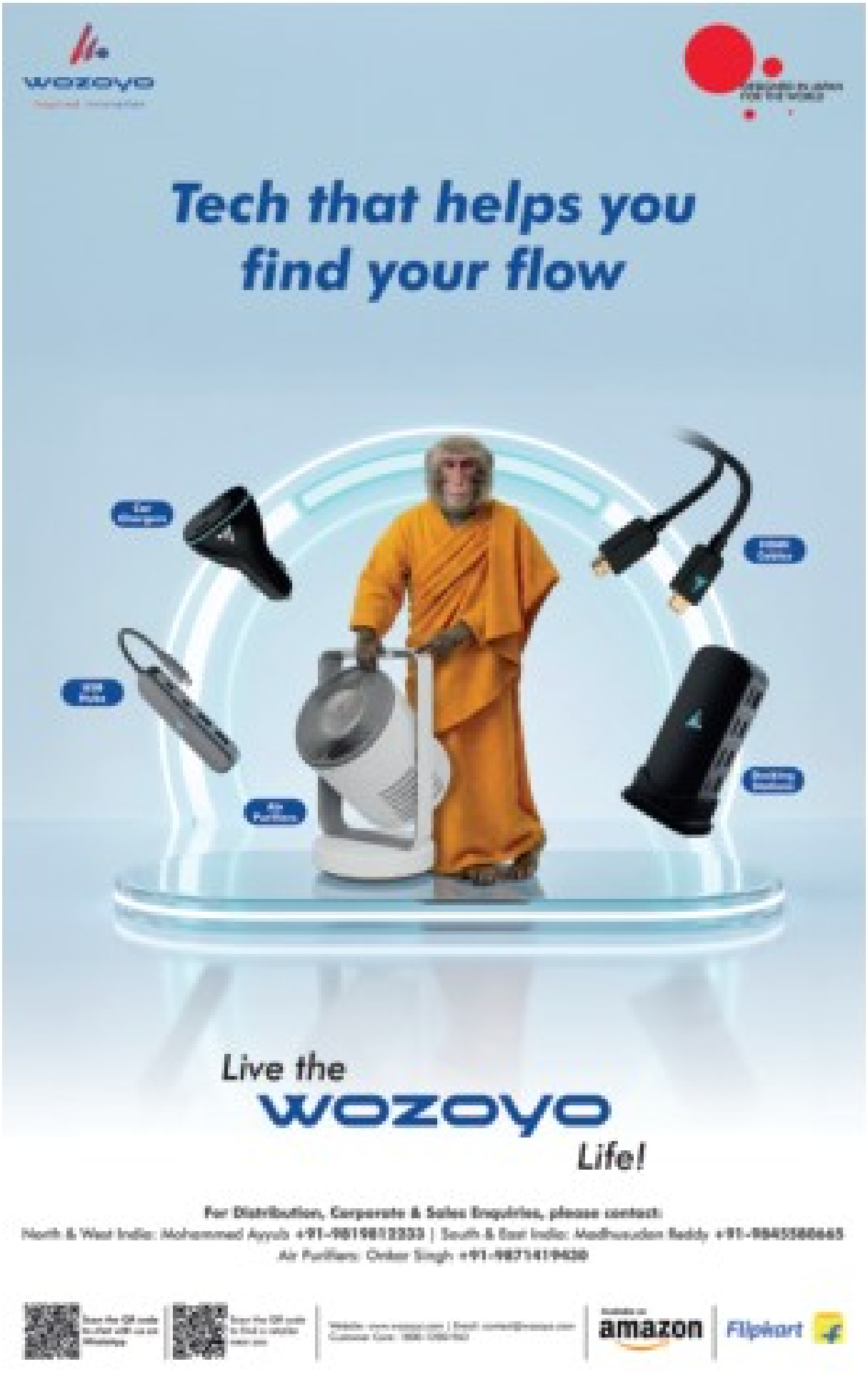
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A thought for today

Happiness makes up in height for what it lacks in length

ROBERT FROST

Tech Talk

IT story isn't in tatters, stocks are a different matter

Friday morning's rout of Indian tech stocks is a signal for sober reflection, not panic. It was waiting to happen after outsourcing major Accenture announced weak revenue growth, and more importantly, a dip in new orders. The company said clients aren't increasing their overall tech spending for AI, rather, they are reallocating budgets from other heads. So, the size of the pie isn't growing – yet. Things might have been better, had the Iran war not happened. But for now, orders from West Asia have reduced. There are new worries about the next few months also, as US Fed is expected to hike rates in Sept, which will curb overseas spending by US firms. Basically, investors must temper their expectations as far as tech stocks are concerned.

That said, IT firms have enough orders for now, and secure revenues. So, they are well-placed to prepare for the coming 'SaaSpocalypse'. And they are – hiring has slowed, headcounts are down, AI investments are up. Indian tech majors know their labour-intensive model won't be viable soon. But that doesn't mean they'll be out of business. They may not be at the cutting edge of AI, but huge manpower will be needed to implement AI projects for clients, train their staff, etc. So, the Indian IT story isn't ending, even if the market one morning drops IT stocks like a hot potato. Overall, it's not been a good year for India's tech stocks, which have underperformed the rest of the market. And when a $315bn industry – by revenue – sneezes, the overall market is bound to catch a cold. That's what we witnessed on Friday morning. Let West Asia settle down, let clarity emerge on US rates, and corporate spending appetite. And let AI prove it's really the disruptor it's made out to be. Only then freak out, if you must.

Mourn The Fallen One

Ancient trees are closest to 'permanence' humans know

An old tree dies. Grief arrives. The ancient oak that, according to folklore, sheltered Robin Hood in England's Sherwood Forest, has fallen. Why should that even be news? Yet it is – not just for conservationists, but for all of us. The news carries a sadness that's neither a personal hit nor the grief of losing a loved one. It is a quieter sorrow that touches something older – perhaps from connections that predate society itself.

When an old tree dies, it takes so much with it. An ancient tree has witnessed more history than books in a library combined. Every ring in its trunk is history drawing a line: of fires and floods and lightning strikes; perhaps even wars fought in the neighbourhood, of kingdoms risen and fallen. It is enduring shelter, its hollows housed creatures great and small – some, perhaps, extinct today. All that memory. All those stories. Unindexed, unknowable. Yet we know the tree has seen it all. Unmoving, doing nothing more remarkable than remaining alive for centuries.

To mourn their fall is but natural, for they are perhaps the closest things to permanence humans know. To mourn them is recognition that we are but mortal creatures who, for a moment, found something that seemed to reach beyond mortality – only to discover that the Great Oak, too, could fall. We are, in the end, creatures of the forest all.

UnMusking The Man With A Grand Plan

SpaceX boss sees govts as service providers, to him

Much has been written about Elon Musk, the world's only trillionaire, but, what exactly does Muskism entail? To understand, one has to look at what kind of society Musk's version of political economy produces, as he goes about diluting, dismantling, or evading laws and regulations that limit his freedom to accumulate, say authors of ***Muskism: A Guide for the Perplexed***.

The book examines how apartheid South Africa in 1970s, his Silicon Valley early fortune, SpaceX, Tesla, AI businesses, built Muskism. It's a mistake, says co-author and professor of international history at Boston University, ***Quinn Slobodian***, to think that Muskism wants to shrink the state. On the contrary, Slobodian and co-author ***Ben Tarnoff***, argue that Musk has always partnered with the state, using its resources to his advantage.

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The South Africa of Musk's childhood, a white supremacist state built as a technopolitical project, was in some respects, "like its partner state Israel, a precursor to our own time", write the authors. "Its model of militarised, modernising isolation fits more comfortably in today's world of export controls, trade wars, rearmament, and reshoring." Apartheid South Africa was Muskism's cradle – that tech can strengthen self-reliance in a hostile world. When Musk left for Canada in 1989, "apartheid South Africa came along like a spore in his luggage."

This idea of "fortress futurism" shapes his single promise – "sovereignty through tech" – evident in his businesses in internet, space, energy, cyber, AI. *All* of it was built on foundational tech govt built. So, Muskism sees "sovereignty as a service". The state was something to be instrumentalised as a source of power and profit. Govt builds the fundamental tech – Darpa to Nasa to Washington's "energy independence", or green capitalism. Public money finances moonshot projects. Govt becomes customer. Not state exit, but "state symbiosis". This isn't simply about govt contracting to private sector to achieve strategic goals, but govt ceding control over production and design.

How? By changing the contracting paradigm, from a cost-plus (where govt covered a company's cost+assured profit) to fixed-price that sees companies on "relentless cost reduction", alongside a much lighter regulatory burden. "If the rules are such that you can't make progress, then you have to fight the rules," the book quotes the man whose official title at Tesla is Technoking. Muskism's goal is to "vassalize it (govt), such that it can only exercise its authority by purchasing services from a monopoly provider." Thus, SpaceX, which started as a military contractor, was responsible for 95% of all US orbital launches and more than half of all launches globally in 2025. "Trying to unplug from Musk, you realise he owns the socket."

Integral to Muskism is what the authors call "financial fabulism" (a literary genre that mixes fantasy and realism), an unshakeable belief in the future, and a talent for making others believe in it too. His language, of crisis and emergency, visualises a future where 'human' is merged with 'machine'. He acquired Twitter to undo the platform that had "turned woke", and propelled Occupy Wall Street, Black Lives Matter, MeToo. He replaced it with X, to harness social media outrage, tailor the narrative to his view of the world as rulers & the ruled, where white fertility needed protection. Musk understood "social media as a cybernetic collective that was helping humanity evolve into something posthuman." If humans become deeply connected with machines, the book explains Musk's view, almost every part of life could be programmed. And if everything can be programmed, then even govts could be reprogrammed by those who control the tech. Voila.

World Cup's Already Found Romance

A week into the tournament, football lovers have a fable that will endure

Avijit Ghosh

The odour of ugly politics wafted in first – as most things involving America usually do, these days. Disallowing a FIFA-empanelled Somali referee, detaining and questioning an Iraqi striker, harsh policing – the list can be much longer.

It's not just the politics that has been condemned. Even the hydration break, introduced as a safety measure, was actually commercial greed masquerading as health.

Until a country, so tiny that many atlases overlook its existence, with a population less than many Delhi neighbourhoods, reminded the world the way football was before the corporate houses with their cheque books took over. Monday night, eleven men playing with the passion of outgunned soldiers taking a last stand, brought back the rapture of romance and the power of dreams to the World Cup.

And, in a sense, they reaffirmed faith in 'the beautiful game' itself. Eduardo Galeano, the gifted journalist-novelist from Uruguay once wrote, "The goal is football's orgasm." In the goalless game between Spain and Cabo Verde, no neutral fan needed goals. The game was *the* orgasm.

Spain is world No. 3 and Cabo Verde stands at 64 in FIFA's updated June 11 rankings. There are other instances of football's patricians getting pickpocketed by plebeians in World Cups. In 1950, US, then a football minnow, overcame heavily favoured England 1-0. In 1966, North Korea shocked Italy 1-0. "For many months, the mocking cry of 'Ko-r-ea' would echo over Italian stadiums when (coach Edmondo) Fabbri or any of his World Cup men appeared," football writer Brian Glanville said.

Every era has produced such serendipitous results. Cameroon's 1-0 win over reigning world champions Argentina in 1990, and Saudi Arabia's 2-1 triumph over to-be champions Argentina in 2022, belong to this category.

But Cabo Verde's performance has more resonance. Till Monday night, the collection of 10 Atlantic islands off the West Africa coast was bereft of an identity. Cabo Verde? Who? What? In a space of 90 minutes, 11 footballers trended their country on social media, headlined it in newspapers and on TV channels worldwide. No immigration official in any soccer-serious nation will again look at a Cabo Verde passport quizzically.

If at all, it will be in recognition and admiration. As the American folk-rock singer Jim Croce sang after hitting the charts, "I've got a name."

It wasn't just the result, but also the way it came about. Spanish coach Luis de la Fuente's boys are tipped to win the World Cup. But Cabo Verde forgot that their opponents were elites from Barcelona, PSG and Man City. They played football, not reputation. They played rivals, not million-dollar babies. They replaced predictive algorithms with the unpredictable heart. Cabo Verde's goalie Vozinha can now be a superhero in Marvel's next series.

There was more to the island nation's game than desperately guarding the citadel. The 'Blue Sharks' defended hard, but without losing shape or elegance. They never parked the bus. Cabo Verde showed poise with the ball, attacked with gusto to the best of their ability. Here's an amazing datapoint: Cabo Verde committed just one foul during the entire 90 minutes, the lowest in a WC game since 1966.

The game unfolded like a thriller. With every passing quarter, you could see the rising degree of desperation in the actions of 'La Roja'. True, Spain dominated possession, struck the crossbar, took more shots at goal. But football isn't boxing where you get points for every jab, for domination. Cabo Verde achieved their goal without scoring one. Spain emerged from the game with a point and an early lesson – never underestimate your opponent. It's likely that FIFA will use the island nation's showing to justify why hosting 48 teams was a good idea.

Most Cabo Verde players are part of a diaspora and play outside the country. But then this is the age of fluid nationality. Even a cursory look at some European and Asian teams underlines the larger change in football demographics. Cabo Verde footballers play for teams that most might not have heard of: Igdir, Casa Pia, to name two. That they wrenched out a draw from footballing cognoscenti only reminds us that talent is omnipresent.

Cabo Verde became independent in 1975. Just a year after its golden jubilee year of freedom, the island nation found its golden moment in faraway Atlanta. Which also became a universal moment of inspiration for ordinary people. It doesn't matter how the team plays from now on. Cabo Verde is now a football fable.

Tailpiece: Goalkeeping is a masochist's job. Great saves are footnotes, blunders become headlines. We love heroes, but we also feast on scapegoats. Who would know this better than Barbosa, the Brazilian goalkeeper who conceded the decisive goal that led to Uruguay's 2-1 shock triumph over host Brazil in the 1950 WC final.

In his book, *Futebol: The Brazilian Way of Life*, journalist Alex Bellos recounts an incident that occurred 50 years after the game. "A woman in a shop spotted him. 'Look at him,' she told her son, 'He is the man that made all of Brazil cry'." Against this backdrop, it is great to see Cabo Verde's Vozinha being showered with applause and recognition. Over a week into World Cup 2026, superstars like Messi and Mbappé are shining bright, but there's no bigger hero than the 40-year-old goalie.

So What If She's Taller, Richer, Older, Better Educated...?

Men's need to feel superior to their women partners isn't natural, but conditioned by centuries of patriarchy. Happy is the man who ignores it and listens to his heart

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From the time we were tree dwellers, to about 5,000 years ago, males and females were equal. In the sense that either could sit on a higher branch. But then, someone decided men would always occupy higher branches, or chairs, or whatever, both literally and figuratively. And with that started patriarchy – papa rule, in plain English.

Things might have been simple, but still bad, if all men took balcony seats, and all women occupied stalls. But patriarchy proved more complicated. The Sultan took the top step, Sultana one below, Vizier one lower, Mrs Vizier still lower, and so on. It became a long, winding status stairway, like the DNA helix.

Philip Mountbatten and Elizabeth Windsor were born on equivalent, not equal, steps of parallel spirals, fell in love, married, and remained wedlocked for 73 years. And what was Philip's biggest grouse? "I am the only man in the country not allowed to give his name to his children! I'm nothing but a bloody amoeba!"

As though it would have made a difference. His second son, Andrew, even if surnamed Mountbatten, would have been Epstein's pal. But that's not the way Philip saw it. He was sore because he, the husband, hadn't got the barstool, the upper seat. Patriarchy had been inverted. Don't blame the man, though – he was only obeying his source code, one that's poisoned and nipped far too many man-woman relationships.

While Philip took umbrage over lineage, patriarchy can insert itself into relationships in any number of sillier ways. Take height, for instance. Former French president Sarkozy is short, but he's had a thing for tall women. His second and third wives – Cécilia Ciganer and Carla Bruni – are both 4-5 inches taller. For patriarchy, this is a man nesting on a lower branch, a freak. Soon after the Sarkozy-Bruni marriage, a German car rental company cashed in with an ad that said, "Do like Madame Bruni. Choose a small French model."

Good thing Sarkozy and Bruni ignored the papa-logic of height. They are still together after 18 years. Tom Cruise and Nicole Kidman aren't, although their 4-inch height difference didn't have anything to do with it. Or, maybe it did. In an interview after they separated, Kidman said, "Well, I can wear heels now." She'd been diminishing herself physically to conform with patriarchal standards. Denying her own "integrity". As Howard Roark said of buildings in *The Fountainhead*: "Its integrity is to follow its own truth, its one single theme, and to serve its own single purpose."

But patriarchy can't stand women doing that. It's like the DNA helix in some ways, but also a snakes & ladders board. It controls society with a simple rule – women who marry below their 'station', slip down; those who marry up, shoot up. That's the foundation of 'hypergamy' – women marrying men with a higher "perceived" status, someone with more property, better job, education, height, etc. Even if it's a man that doesn't interest them at all, up is the advisable way to go.

Of Life And Love
STORIES OF THE WAY WE ARE

One area where hypergamy's taken a back seat, of late, is education. Women increasingly are the better educated half of a couple, but that does not always make them financially better off. Per a Pew report, only 16% of US wives are breadwinners, or primary earners. Why are men cool with courting more qualified women now? Is it because university degrees have lost their value? If so, that's no win against patriarchy.

Another patriarchal norm, that men should be older than their partners, or about the same age, persists across cultures. A man in a relationship with an older woman is mocked. Which is odd when birth rates have collapsed, and fertility is not an issue in many relationships. It's interesting that the US first couple, and the French first couple, have the same age gap of 24 or 25 years, but while nobody disparages the Trump marriage, Brigitte Macron is labelled a cradle-snatcher.

These are unwritten rules, never taught in school, yet so influential that they continue to shape relationships. Expectations related to male height, for example, are so ingrained that height filters on dating apps have been a hit. Research also confirms what everybody knows: men exaggerate their height by two inches, on average. Yet, it's interesting that one in four men is open to dating a taller woman.

Where men hesitate most, perhaps, is in settling down with a woman who earns more than them. Is it because they cannot control her, or they fear being controlled by her? Or, the biggest fear of all – being ridiculed for being a lesser man? Inversion of patriarchy again. Even Albert, husband of Britain's queen Victoria, struggled with this feeling: "The difficulty in filling my place with the proper dignity is that I am only the husband, not the master in the house."

Why *must* a man be master of the house? Why *must* he be taller, richer, and older than his lover or spouse? These 'rules' are neither natural nor logical. We would be happier in our relationships, if we – both men and women – chose with our hearts, not our patriarchal heads.

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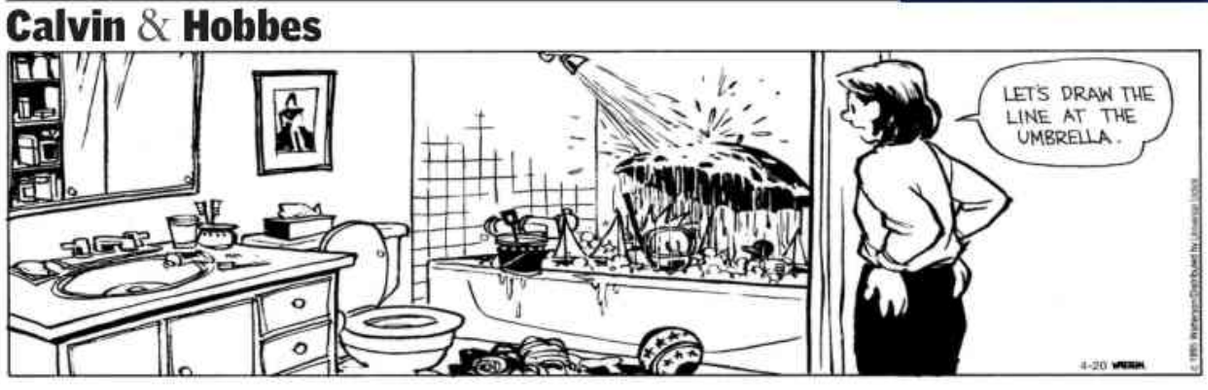

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Arjun, perform your duties established in Yog, renouncing attachment and be even minded in success and failure; evenness of mind is called 'Yog'. Action with a selfish motive is far inferior to this Yog in the form of equanimity.

Gita 2.48-49

Visualise, Realise: Life Is Beautiful With Yog

Brahma Kumari Shivani

Every year, as International Yog Day arrives, a familiar thought visits us – 'i really should start yog.' And in the same breath comes the excuse – 'i am too busy. Maybe when life slows down...' Yog equips us to shift from a busy to an easy life.

Yog stems from the Sanskrit word 'yuj', which means connection. The question is: 'What am i connected to, and what is the vibration of my connections?' Answer is – 'i am connected to my mind, body, role, people, work, gadgets, situations and the world around me.'

We are constantly connected. But today, many of these connections leave us anxious, tired and emotionally drained. A traffic jam disturbs us. A harsh word stays with us. A minor issue feels stressful. We have become reactive to the world outside rather than becoming creators of the world within.

It is time to take care of these connections, so they create happiness, good health, and harmony. This is where Raj Yog, as taught by the Brahma Kumaris, steps in. Raj Yog restores two connections. First is the connection with the true self as a soul. Second is the connection with God, the Supreme Soul, the ocean of purity and power. Raj Yog means self-rule or self-mastery.

Raj Yog engages three faculties of the soul: mind, intellect and sanskar. The mind creates a thought. The intellect visualises that thought. When we hold a thought and visualise it with awareness, it becomes an experience. Each experience gets recorded on the soul. Suppose you create the thought – 'i am a peaceful soul' and visualise yourself responding calmly – you begin to experience peace. Then, when a challenging situation arises, you will be able to respond peacefully. If such a response is repeated, peace gradually becomes your sanskar.

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Raj Yog heals every connection. Every thought creates a response in the body. When the mind is calm, the body supports release of healthy hormones while reducing stress hormones such as cortisol. When we are internally energised, we shift from expectations to acceptance, hurt to forgiveness, and hatred to compassion.

Our vibrations energise the water we drink, food we eat, air we breathe, plants, animals, and nature. When we vibrate at a higher frequency, the planet's vibration rises, and nature moves towards harmony.

To practise Raj Yog, visualise yourself as a soul, a tiny point of light shining in the centre of the forehead. As you create each thought, visualise it and feel it.

Begin morning meditation with the thought, 'i am a pure soul; i am energised by God's love and wisdom; i am calm and stable in every situation. My every karm today is accurate.'

Throughout the day, take an hourly pause: Just take one minute to re-energise. Remember, 'i am a powerful soul; i radiate acceptance and respect in every interaction; i am easy; i am light.'

Before meals, you could energise your food and water by repeating, 'i am a happy soul. God's powers energise my meal; my body is perfect and healthy.'

At bedtime, prepare for releasing and cleansing negative emotions; 'i forgive everyone; i seek forgiveness from everyone; i am grateful for a perfect day today; i am surrounded by God's protective canopy.'

Practising yog on the mat strengthens the body. Yog in every thought strengthens the soul. Together, they create a beautiful life.

Not only paper, NTA guarding paper-making process too

Expands Pool Of Experts To Cut Value Of Partial Access

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A protest demanding the resignation of Union education minister Dharmendra Pradhan over paper leaks, in New Delhi Friday

New Delhi: A larger question bank, more paper-setters and restrictions ensuring nobody can know or see the final paper formed the core of the redesigned question-setting system for the June 21 NEET-UG retest — a part of the high-security process undertaken following a leak that led to the medical entrance exam's cancellation in May.

National Testing Agency (NTA) "significantly" expanded the pool from which the final 180-question paper was drawn and increased the number of experts drafting questions, sources said.

The aim was to reduce the value of partial access at the source. Under the revised system, a question written by an expert could be used in the retest, kept for another exam, or not used at all.

The shift was from guarding only the printed paper to guarding paper-making. If questions come from a small pool, anyone who sees a part of these can claim to know the exam. But if the pool is larger, little can be inferred.

The cancelled May 3 paper reportedly overlapped with a pre-circulated guess paper on more than 120 questions. "If the pool is small, even a so-called guess paper can come dangerously close to the final paper," an official familiar with the process said.

Officials said experts were asked to contribute to the central question bank without being told how, when or whether their questions would be used in the final NEET paper.

In this system — designed to ensure that no individual has a complete view of questions — experts don't even know if their submitted questions are meant for NEET, JEE or another test — or for which sitting. The new architecture strips value from any insider who claims to "know" the paper.

Investigators are examining whether the breach took place during the confidential paper-setting process, and not merely during transport or at an exam centre.

Security around delivery has also been overhauled in parallel. Over five lakh personnel will be deployed, with CCTV and AI-based surveillance at centres, Aadhaar biometric verification of candidates, and question papers flown in by the IAF.

Officials said the larger bank was also the groundwork for the shift of NEET-UG to computer-based testing from 2027.

No bail but accused can take NEET: HC

The Chhattisgarh high court earlier this week denied temporary bail to a 21-year-old undertrial, while allowing him to appear in the NEET-2026 re-examination, slated for June 21, in police custody.

The accused is incarcerated in a case in connection with the death of a 20-year-old woman in April. In an order passed June 16, Chief Justice Ramesh Sinha directed police to escort the accused to the examination centre and back to jail thereafter. TNN

Two aspirants die before retest

An 18-year-old NEET aspirant who fell from the third floor of a residential building in Madhya Pradesh's Indore succumbed to her injuries Friday, with police still to ascertain whether it was a case of suicide.

According to the family, the aspirant appeared for NEET thrice but remained determined to pursue MBBS despite repeated setbacks.

Meanwhile, a 20-year-old died by suicide at her grandmother's residence in TN's Salem district. TNN

Targeted takedowns failed, says HC on Telegram ban

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An application or platform, in its ordinary and commonly understood sense, is a computer programme or software designed to perform specified functions for an end user. In view of the express inclusion of 'codes', 'computer programmes' and 'software' within the definition of 'information' under Section 2(1)(v) of the IT Act, there is no reason to exclude an application or platform from the ambit of the said expression," HC noted.

Holding that targeted takedowns had proved ineffective, the Delhi high court said the govt showed that "entity-specific interventions" such as removing channels, bots, and accounts repeatedly failed because offending entities continued to reappear through backup channels and audience migration mechanisms.

It cited the "emergency nature" of the ban order to conclude that the Centre, upon consideration of the material placed before it, was "satisfied that Telegram was being misused for the dissemination of exam-related misinformation, the circulation of purported examination papers, and other fraudulent and unlawful activities, which were likely to have serious implications for public order in the country". It noted that "the limited temporal scope of these measures demonstrates that they are narrowly tailored and confined to the period strictly necessary for securing the stated objective".

Justice Karia also highlighted that Telegram permits messages, including files, to be edited at a later point in time.

"Such functionality may be employed to disseminate misinformation by editing messages sent prior in time by replacing the attachment to give the impression that the examination paper was leaked prior to the examination even though such editing takes place after conclusion of the examination. Accordingly, any subsequent editing of messages relating to NEET UG, 2026 may mislead the general public and, consequently, give rise to a potential public order situation," the Delhi high court further observed, explaining why the govt has decided to keep the editing function disabled till June 30.

HC also found nothing amiss in the ban order, noting that temporarily blocking the Telegram platform satisfied the requirement of proportionality and "constitutes the least restrictive measure for achieving the stated objective".

The court pointed out that unlike other conventional platforms, Telegram is entirely cloud-based, thereby enabling the storage and retrieval of large volumes of content.

No urgent SC hearing on NEET retest

Supreme Court Friday refused to entertain pleas for postponement of NEET-UG re-examination scheduled for June 21 and said all petitions relating to the medical admission entrance test will be heard in July. Advocate Adeel Ahmed, claiming to appear on behalf of 1,672 candidates, told a bench led by CJI Surya Kant that paper leak, cancellation of exam, the short preparation period for the retest and students having trouble downloading their admit cards were all putting immense pressure on candidates, in addition to the stiff competition for the limited number of MBBS and BDS seats.

Another petitioner too raised similar issues. However, the bench said, "We will not entertain any petition for postponement of the rescheduled exam. All NEET-UG exam-related petitions will be heard in July by a bench headed by Justice P S Narasimha, which is already seized of the issue." TNN

Nagpur NEET aspirant gets Abu Dhabi as exam centre

Nagpur: An 18-year-old NEET aspirant from Nagpur, Abdullah Mohammad Talib, got a shock when he saw his recently generated hall ticket: his examination centre was in Abu Dhabi, 2,500 km away, and he doesn't have a passport, reports **Sarfaraz Ahmed**.

The National Testing Agency does provide exam centres abroad, but these are usually for NRI and international students.

The hall ticket, generated on June 14, listed the Abu Dhabi Indian School as his exam centre. The family immediately contacted the NTA helpline, where an official assured them the error would be rectified. However, with two days left for the exam, NTA has yet to correct the mistake.

The Talib family said they were so worried they began arranging travel documents and flight tickets if the exam centre was not changed. The parents were concerned about arranging a passport and travel at such short notice.

NTA officials did not respond to **TOI** queries. However, sources said widespread changes may not be possible at this stage. Meanwhile, several parents reported their children's exam centres had been changed in the hall ticket despite not opting for any of the allotted centres.

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SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through KPP Portal)

Rajiv Gandhi Housing Corporation Limited invites Short Term tenders for the following work through KPP Portal from the eligible contractors. Last date of submission of bid is **Date: 04.07.2026.**

Name of work

Sl. No.	Place	Amount put to tender [Excluding GST] (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD Rs. (in Lakhs)
1	Construction of Women's College Building For Waqf Board 08 No's (G+1) In Different Taluks of Bangalore Urban, Bangalore Rural, Chikkaballapur, Chitradurga, Davanagere, Kolar, Tumkur and Ramanagar Districts (Fixed Price No Variation) Package – 2 **Indent No: RGRHCL/2025-26/BD/WORK_INDENT53/CALL-3**	3669.41	36.69
2	Construction of KPS Model Moulana Azad School (School Building at G plus 3 Floors and Other Infrastructure Works) for Minority Department at Jagaluru, Jagaluru Taluk, Davangere District (New work) Package - 3D. (Fixed Price No Variation) **Indent No: RGRHCL/2026-27/BD/WORK_INDENT89/CALL-2**	502.16	7.53
3	Construction of KPS School (School Building at G plus 2 Floors and Other Infrastructure Works) for Minority Department at Alnavar, Dharwad District (Extension Work) - Package - 6A (Fixed Price No Variation) **Indent No: RGRHCL/2026-27/BD/WORK_INDENT103/CALL-2**	384.49	5.76

Further information visit : **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in, https://ashraya.karnataka.gov.in.**

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Avoid granting leave to students on June 20 & 21, NMC tells med colleges

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: With NEET-UG retest on June 21, National Medical Commission (NMC) has directed all medical colleges to remain vigilant and avoid granting leave to students on June 20 and 21, citing past instances where students were found involved in activities that could compromise the exam's integrity.

In a notice, NMC asked medical colleges to sensitise students against involvement in any activity that could be prejudicial to the exam's conduct and said the measure was intended as a deterrent. The move follows a communication from the education ministry's department of higher education to the health ministry.

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The communication noted that in the past, some medical college students had been found involved in activities that could compromise the sanctity of examinations and requested that medical colleges remain alert and ensure students are discouraged from participating in such activities.

Colleges have been advised not to grant leave to students on June 20 and 21 except in exceptional circumstances with proper justification.

2/3rd of BJP is full of other party imports, says Uddhav

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BJP doesn't have a two-third majority but two-third of BJP is now full of other party imports," Thackeray said. He said he was not bigger than the Shiv Sena founded by his father, Bal Thackeray. "I have no desire for leadership, I am ready to step down as Shiv Sena chief if allegations are made. The only condition is that this golden Shiv Sena should not be given to robbers and traitors. Otherwise I'm not shaken, and will not get bogged down. I will stand like a mountain and fulfil my responsibilities," he said.

Thackeray hit back at the rebel MPs over their fear that the Shiv Sena (UBT) would merge with Congress. "If for 30 years we were with BJP and we did not merge with it, how will we merge with Congress? So those who are saying this are lying," he said.

It was Thackeray's first public meeting after the recent rebellion by six Lok Sabha members. His son, MLA Aaditya Thackeray, and wife, Rashmi, were present at the rally, as were MPs Sanjay Raut, Arvind Sawant, Anil Desai and Rajabhau Waje.

PTI

Shiv Sena (UBT) chief Uddhav Thackeray with RS MP Sanjay Raut and son Aditya at a party event in Mumbai, Friday

All the MPs still with Thackeray were felicitated at the event. The moment Thackeray said he was willing to step down, the crowd chanted slogans asking him to continue as party chief.

"I am not a fortune teller, I do not believe in astrology at all. What will be the future of a country where the youth are called cockroaches? Elections are being won and positions are being obtained by doing whatever they want. Even if you have a majority and there are local self-govt body polls, you do not want to let anyone contest from the other side. Why are you doing this? What are you going to do with the country after getting all this?" he said.

"You have worked hard to get them (defecting MPs) elected. Now you should use your right to hold them accountable. Farmers donated money and these candidates won. Don't wait for my order ..., hold them accountable?" he said.

Thackeray said said a situation has arisen in which BJP will now join Shinde's Sena. "Shiv Sena was not born to merge. Rather, it was born for the rights and protection of the Marathi people and Hindutva. Congress also persecuted us. More than half of our life has been spent in enmity with the Congress. We had extreme enmity," he said.

Shinde on rebellions: Picture abhi baki hai

Mumbai: Though the six rebel Shiv Sena UBT MPs expected to switch over to Shiv Sena stayed away from the party's 60th foundation day event in Goregaon Friday, Maharashtra deputy CM Eknath Shinde could not stay away from the topic and warned there was more to come reports **Priyanka Kakodkar.** "This is just a trailer. Picture abhi baki hai. See what lies ahead," he said.

Mocking Shiv Sena UBT and MP Sanjay Raut, who spent the previous two days publicly attacking the rebel MPs, Shinde said: "Some dogs have been barking. They come in packs and bark. The tiger roams alone and he hunts and roars." The six MPs reportedly stayed away because of possible legal hurdles created by their presence on a Shiv Sena platform before the switchover.

CPI-ML rebuts Cong claim of cross-voting during RS election

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge has become a sort of penfriend of his allies, but not in a way he would have liked. CPI-ML chief Dipankar Bhattacharya Friday shot off a protest letter to the Congress veteran complaining against the charge by his party that CPI-ML legislators in Jharkhand crossed in favour of BJP-supported independent — an accusation made by Congress state in-charge K Raju.

Days earlier, CPM chief MA baby dispatched a missive, slamming the allegation by Congress leadership, including Rahul Gandhi, during Kerala elections that then CM Pinarayi Vijayan was hand in glove with BJP.

The pinpricks highlight the internal dissonance among the allies that form the INDIA bloc, raising questions about their ability to coordinate in future over a common agenda to take on BJP. That the skirmishes have intensified after the largely defunct bloc met last week after a gap of over two years, raise serious questions about its future.

Interestingly, some of the criticism of Congress has stemmed from the speech Rahul gave at the bloc's meeting on June 8, and then released it in public after three days. Besides the weaker Left parties, strong regional outfits like RJD and Samajwadi Party also questioned Congress's political management in the meeting. They also accused Congress of pushing out DMK.

The latest provocation is Jharkhand RS election, where Congress candidate as alliance nominee led by JMM lost to BJP-supported candidate, with cross-voting from allies. Much in future would depend on how Congress views the cross-voting — whether it was deliberate or just the rival's resourcefulness.

It is acknowledged that the bloc has become weak with the ouster from power of key regional parties like TMC, DMK. But insiders believe the threat of BJP will push all the allies together to work on a common agenda. The only threat that many feel is that Congress may be encouraged to ride roughshod over regional parties on issues and elections, which may further weaken the cohesion. Interestingly, as sparks flew in bloc's meeting, the gathering also decided that the bloc will meet every two months, and the date and venue of next brainstorming was finalised for Hyderabad in Aug.

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Online Bids are invited for **"Photostate Work"** up-to 29.06.2026 till 6:00 PM. The estimated cost of work is Rs. 1,00,00,000/- (One Crore Only.) The last Date for applying for Bid and making Online Payment on JDA Portal is 29.06.2026 by 6:00 P.M. Details May be seen in the Bidding Document available on www.jda.rajasthan.gov.in, www.sppp.rajasthan.gov.in and www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in.

UBN No. : JDA2627SLRC00153

To participate in the bid, bidder has to be:
1. Registered on JDA website www.jda.rajasthan.gov.in. For participating in the Bid, the Bidder has to apply for the Bid and pay the Bidding Document Fee, RISL Processing Fee and Bid Security Deposit, online only.
2. Registered on e-Procurement Portal of Government of Rajasthan www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in for online e-Bid submission.

Raj.Samwad/C/26/5235 **Dy. Commissioner (Stores)**

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INVITATION FOR PROCUREMENT BID IN GeM PORTAL

TENDER FOR MANPOWER SERVICES FOR HEAD OFFICE, DISTRICT STATISTICAL OFFICES AND TALUK OFFICES OF DIRECTORATE OF ECONOMICS & STATISTICS (DES) M S BUILDING, BENGALURU LISTED IN ANNEXURE-A INVITED IN GeM PORTAL

Tender Reference	NOTIFICATION No: DES/ACT-STORES/05/ 2026-27 Dated:18.06.2026 GeM Portal Reference NO:GEM/2026/ B/ 7682339 Dated:18.06.2026
Commencement of download of e-tender forms from website **http://gem.gov.in**	18.06.2026
Pre Bid Meeting	08.07.2026 at 12.00 PM
Last Date for Queries on or before:	09.07.2026 at 5.00 PM
Last date and time for uploading of tender documents on GeM Portal on or before	15.07.2026 at 11.00 AM
opening of Technical Bid	15.07.2026 at 11.30 AM
opening of Financial Bid	As per Approvals
EMD Amount	Rs. 14,55,000/-
PROJECT AMOUNT(Approximate)	Rs. 9,70,00,000/-

Note: All communications regarding this ``Tender`` contact- Director, Directorate of Economics and Statistics, 1st Gate, 7th Floor, M. S. Building, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Veedhi, Bengaluru – 560001 Contact No.:080-22353849

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No.: DHFWS/2026-27/SE2296 Dated: 19.06.2026

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through KPP Portal only) (Two Cover System)

Tenders are invited through e-procurement for the recruitment of 16 Data Entry Operators and 1 Data Manager for the year 2026-27 from the qualified registered agencies for the provision of HR services of outsourced personnel for K.C. General Hospital, Malleswaram, Bengaluru. Further details and bid document can be obtained from the website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

DIPR/CP/JA /1249/2026-27 **Sd/- Medical Superintendent K.C. General Hospital, Bengaluru.**

The giving of love is an education in itself - Eleanor Roosevelt

Is June really Cupid's fave month? Theory says so

June theory vs June brides

Inside China's booming dog daycare culture

WILDFLOWERING: Letting love bloom naturally

Who is drawn to this trend

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How to: Strengthen your immunity this monsoon

"IT MEANS A LOT TO ME. I'M VERY HAPPY TO BE THE FIRST (INDIAN-ORIGIN PLAYER TO START A GAME). I HOPE TO SEE MANY MORE SINGHS AND SIKHS AND PUNJABI FOOTBALLERS COMING THROUGH."

—SARPREET SINGH
NEW ZEALAND MIDFIELDER

Mexico In Raptures As Romo Pounces On Kim Error To Secure Co-Hosts Passage Into The Knockouts

SOMBREROS FLYING!

TAKE THAT! Luis Romo (right, in black) scores after Korean goalkeeper Kim Seung-Gyu (in yellow) dropped the ball

MEXICO 1
Romo 50
SOUTH KOREA 0

Mexico City: Luis Romo's second-half winner sent Mexico into the World Cup knockout stage as Group A winners, but the co-hosts' 1-0 victory over South Korea owed more to opportunism and defensive resilience than attacking fluency.

Javier Aguirre's side have opened the tournament with two wins, secured top spot with a game to spare and ensured their knockout campaign against a third-placed team will begin in Mexico City on June 30.

On paper, it has been a perfect start. On the pitch, it has been more complicated.

Romo broke the deadlock in the 50th minute after South Korea goalkeeper Kim Seung-Gyu collided with teammate Lee Gi-hyuk and spilled a cross into the midfielder's path, leaving him with a simple finish from the centre of the box.

Romo's goal moments after the restart lifted both Mexico and the crowd, with supporters breaking into renditions of Mexican folk song *Cielito Lindo* (Lovely Sweetheart) as Aguirre's side seized control of a match that had threatened to drift away from them.

"I don't think we played a perfect game, but we won and that's the most important thing – the fans will be happy," Romo told Mexican TV.

The hosts started brightly at Guadalajara Stadium, but South Korea grew into the game and sections of the home crowd booed the Mexican players at half-time. Mexico played with greater authority once ahead, with Raul Jimenez nearly adding a second from close range and substitute Obed Vargas forcing Kim into a sharp low save from distance.

Aguirre acknowledged the performance had been short of fluency, while pointing to South Korea's organisation.

"It wasn't a great match, but the opposition didn't let us do much either," he said.

Asked what set this squad apart from previous Mexican teams he had managed, the 67-year-old said with a smile: "(This team) has a calmer coach."

He also joked that he had stopped fighting battles over players using mobile phones and had become less rigid than the intense manager who led Mexico in 2002 and 2010.

"I'm much more relaxed and composed now," he said. "Age helps. Two granddaughters help."

Mexico's most decisive moments came in defence. The hosts are through, unbeaten and headed for a home knockout tie. They are also still looking for a sharper cutting edge if they are to progress deep in the tournament.

Rescue dog Osito steals hearts

As World Cup fever sweeps Mexico City, one of the tournament's biggest fan favourites isn't a player, coach or mascot. Joining Merlin the duck in the pantheon of heart-stealers is Osito, an 8-year-old rescue poodle mix who's become an unlikely sensation after arriving at Mexico's opening match perched on the back of a cargo bicycle, dressed in a Mexico jersey, sunglasses and cap.

Thousands of fans stopped to snap photos, pet the dog and post videos online. Within hours, Osito was appearing on international broadcasts and spreading across social media, transforming the bicycle-riding dog into one of the World Cup's most charming viral stars.

For his owner, Jorge Rangel, the attention is less about Internet fame than the companionship he shares with the dog who accompanies him almost everywhere. For the past two years, Osito has joined Rangel on his daily rounds delivering household products across Mexico City.

"More than a dog, he's my daily companion," Rangel, 50, said. AGENCIES

SORRY, NOT TODAY: Mexico's goalkeeper Raul Rangel (right) makes a save to deny Korea in Guadalajara

AIR MEXICO: A local fan is sent airbone during celebrations in a Monterrey fan zone

DOG DAYS: A fan poses with Osito, the World Cup's latest pet mascot, in Mexico City on Thursday

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REMEMBER THE TIME

Pix: AP, Reuters, Getty Images

NOW AND THEN: Mexico's Edson Alvarez's last-ditch, bicycle kick goalline clearance (top) against South Korea in Guadalajara on Thursday reminded old-timers of Mexican Manuel Negrete's scissor-kick goal (below) against Bulgaria on June 15, 1986

Canada crush nine-man Qatar for first Cup win

Vancouver: Jonathan David bagged a hat-trick as Canada secured their first ever World Cup finals victory and boosted their chances of reaching the knockout stages with a 6-0 thrashing of hapless nine-man Qatar on Thursday.

CANADA 6
Larin 16, David 29, 45+3, 90+2
Saliba 64, M Manai 75 (og)

QATAR 0
Red card: H Ahmed 33, Madibo 53

The co-hosts' joy at the resounding victory was tempered by a serious injury suffered by midfielder Ismael Kone, but they moved top of Group B with four points after two matches, while Qatar are bottom with one. Canada next host second-placed Switzerland, also with four points, on Wednesday.

Roared on by a vocal red-and-white crowd, Canada came out all guns blazing. Cyle Larin repaid coach Jesse Marsch's faith in the 16th minute, reacting quickest after goalkeeper Mahmud Abunada saved David's effort for the lead.

Larin, who scored off the bench in Canada's 1-1 draw with Bosnia and Herzegovina, had been handed a start alongside David, the country's all-time leading goalscorer.

Canada doubled their advantage 13 minutes later, David meeting a cross with a powerful volley and the match swung in Canada's favour when Qatar were reduced to 10 men.

A penalty was initially awarded for El Amin's foul on Tajon Buchanan, but a VAR review ruled the offence occurred outside the area. The decision was downgraded to a free kick, but Homam Ahmed's yellow card was upgraded to a red.

David added his second just before halftime, bundling home from close range after Abunada had saved Larin's header, leaving Qatar with a mountain to climb. AGENCIES

SWISS SENSATION MANZAMBI FULFILLS 'CHILDHOOD DREAM'

Los Angeles: Swiss wunderkind Johan Manzambi on Thursday described coming off the bench at the World Cup to score twice in a 4-1 victory over Bosnia-Herzegovina as a "childhood dream come true."

"Honestly, it's incredible — it's the first brace of my entire career," a gleeful Manzambi said after the game, which ended in a flurry of Switzerland goals.

"And to do it at the World Cup, especially after we didn't get off to the best start? Honestly it's a childhood dream come true," he said, switching between French and German.

SWITZERLAND 4
Manzambi 74, 90, Vargas 84
Xhaka 90+7 pen

BOSNIA 1
Mahmic 90+3
Red card: Muharemovic 80

Following Switzerland's disappointing draw with Qatar, some Swiss pundits have been calling for coach Murat Yakin to play more young stars in a team dominated by veterans like Granit Xhaka and Ricardo Rodriguez. Twenty-year-old Manzambi plays in the German league, firing Freiburg to the Europa League final. Typically a box-to-box midfielder, the versatile youngster was brought on by Yakin in the 72nd minute.

"He told me to let my talent shine, and I think I showed that today as best I could," Manzambi said after. AFP

Penso an inspiration for all us women refs

If Picked For A World Cup, You Cannot Even Afford A Small Picnic. They Monitor Your Fitness Every Day

Maria Rebello

When Tori Penso whistled the start of the clash between Czechia and South Africa in Atlanta, it was not just the start of another group-stage fixture. It was history being created as women took centre-stage at the biggest football event. Alongside assistant referees Brooke Mayo and Kathryn Nesbitt, Penso became only the second woman referee to officiate in a men's World Cup, following in the footsteps of French referee Stephanie Frappart at the Qatar World Cup in 2022.

For over 90 years at the FIFA World Cup, there were no women referees officiating at the highest level of the game. Now, there are six in a single edition, all ready to prove they are as good as anyone else in the business. This is women empowerment in the true sense.

Penso came up with a flawless performance. Her anticipation was good. She was at the right position, at the right time, and the numerous short sprints showed that her fitness was top-notch. It looks easy on TV, but the stop-run, stop-run action takes quite an effort. It's taxing. But when a counter-attack is launched, it's easy to run some distance with the same tempo.

This is a huge move for women referees. Professionalisation of women's refereeing has played a large factor in the new ability of women's referees to officiate at the highest level. Credit to FIFA for making the right choice, after high intensity training, workshops and mentorship over the years. Huge credit to them for trusting women to deliver.

They made the right choice.

Penso has been among the best officials in the world. But having been a referee assessor and referee instructor for the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) myself, I am certain she's had to work hard for it. You'll be surprised to know that the focus on being at the World Cup, the pinnacle for any sportsperson, is so much that you cannot even afford a small picnic. Your fitness is monitored every single day.

TOI Exclusive

It's not just physical preparedness that is the need of the hour. You must have a thorough understanding of the game. With the world watching, there is no scope to make a mistake.

You need to have the right mentality too. Fitness is achievable with rigorous training, you can read the rules of the game, but mentality cannot be practiced. It's within you; everything is in your hands, or rather your mind. At the highest level, it's what matters the most.

I am glad that it was a flawless performance from the team of women officials. They set the bar high and proved that women can officiate at the highest level. Of course, it's not easy for a woman in a men's game, but if there's an example of just how well women can do the job, it was right in front of us. Penso is an inspiration for women referees across the world.

This won't be the only time you will see women referees at the men's World Cup. Penso and others have ensured there is more to come.

(A former India captain and FIFA referee, Maria Rebello spoke to Marcus Mergulhao)

WOMEN TRAILBLAZERS

Referee Tori Penso, assistant referees Kathryn Nesbitt and Brooke Mayo, all of the US, formed the second all-female officiating team in the men's World Cup when they officiated Thursday's Czechia-South Africa Group A game in Atlanta. Penso was succeeding Frenchwoman Stephanie Frappart, the first female referee at the men's World Cup — Costa Rica v Germany in Qatar 2022.

TORI PENSO
FIFA Listed Since: 2021
- First woman to referee an MLS match in over 20 years (2020).
- Referee of the 2023 Women's World Cup final (Eng vs Spa).

KATHRYN NESBITT
FIFA Listed Since: 2019
- Assistant referee at the World Cup Qatar 2022.
- Worked in the 2022 World Cup Final.
- Assistant referee for the 2023 Women's World Cup final.

BROOKE MAYO
Started Refereeing: 13
- Assistant referee at the 2023 Women's World Cup final.
- US Female Referee of the Year (2026).

Kone to undergo surgery after gruesome injury

Vancouver: Canada's first World Cup victory was overshadowed by a gruesome injury to Ismael Kone, who injured his left leg when Qatar's Assim Madibo tackled him from behind.

Players rushed to his aid, calling for help as the 24-year-old collapsed to the ground.

Madibo was sent off, while Kone was treated on the field before he was stretchered off.

"I saw his leg. I saw that something wasn't right," Canada captain Stephen Eustaquio said.

DIASPORA POWER

HOW FIFA'S ELIGIBILITY RULES HAVE IMPACTED THE WORLD CUP

Morocco's impressive performance against Brazil on the opening weekend and the shock draw that tiny Cape Verde forced against Spain came from a studious assimilation of players from around Europe, vastly strengthening their sides with diaspora talent. All Morocco starters were born outside the country and developed at European clubs, except for Canada-born but home-grown goalkeeper Yassine Bounou.

Most African nations have turned, over the last two decades, to migrant communities in Europe to find players and improve their competitiveness. None more so than Cape Verde — with a small population of around 600,000 — who have relied on players born or raised in Europe. Global migration and FIFA's eligibility rules have changed the landscape of world football...

WHAT ARE THE RULES?
All players competing at the World Cup must be citizens of the country they represent. There is a physical passport check. To avoid countries handing out passports to foreigners to cynically strengthen their squads, players must have resided five years in that country or have a parent or grandparent born there.

EARLIER ELIGIBILITY
Once a player had played an international match in an official competition at any level, they were tied to that country without exception.

HOW IT CHANGED
North African football federations were the early agitators for players to be able to switch footballing nationalities. "We didn't think it was fair that players (of African origin) were being selected for junior teams of European countries and then never getting a chance to play at full international level. Our proposal was to give liberty and freedom to these players to have a right to choose," said Mohamed Raouraoua, the former Algerian football federation president who was an architect of the proposal.

FIFA amended its statutes in 2003, allowing players to switch their international career as long as they could prove eligibility for double nationality and had not previously played at full international level. FIFA imposed an age limit of 21 for the switch but later allowed players of all ages to seek new visas at international level.

THE FIRST SWITCH
Defender Antar Yahia became the first to benefit, debuting for the Algerian U-23 side in an Olympic Games qualifier in Jan 2004. His senior debut came two weeks later. He had been a French U-20 international. Any change must be approved by FIFA after a formal application.

THOSE WHO FOLLOWED
Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang and Frederic Kanoute were both French junior internationals who changed allegiance and went onto be crowned African Footballer of the Year. Senegal captain Kalidou Koulibaly has won over 100 caps since he committed to the West African nation after playing for France at U-20 level. There have been benefits outside of Africa too with **Declan Rice**, capped at all levels by Ireland, switching to England and emerging as a midfield stalwart.

THE IMPACT
This World Cup has an extraordinary 289 players, nearly 25% of those at the tournament in Canada, Mexico and the US, representing nations they were not born in. Many of these have done so after a change of sporting nationality. One example is teenager Ibrahim Mbaye, who scored for Senegal against France on Tuesday, less than a year after he last played for France at junior level.

—Source: Reuters

Ibrahim Mbaye scored for Senegal against France. He earlier represented France at junior level.

Argentine news crew dismissed after false Messi family report

Dallas: Members of a news crew in Argentina are out of a job after falsely reporting the death of the father of World Cup superstar Lionel Messi.

Florencia Pena announced on Luzu TV that Jorge Messi had died and went on to suggest that Messi would not play in the World Cup. Reacting to the news, the Messi family on Thursday issued a statement announcing that the patriarch was in the hospital with an undisclosed medical issue but he was "progressing favourably." REUTERS

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The Week That Was...

D-St bounces back on West Asia peace deal

Even though sensex fell over 600 points on Friday, it gained about 1.7% for the week after US and Iran signed an MoU on Wednesday to discuss ways to bring about lasting peace in the Gulf region

Sensex 1.7%

Sensex Gainers

Trent	16.3%
Eternal	8.4%
Interglobe Aviation	6.6%

Laggards

Infosys	-5.8%
TCS	-1.7%
Tech Mahindra	-1.4%

GOLD 1.1% ↓ | CRUDE 4.5% ↓ | BITCOIN 2.3% ↓

₹30k cr

National Stock Exchange (NSE) filed papers with Sebi for its initial public offer (IPO) through which, according to estimates, more than Rs 30,000 crore could be raised

Source: Screener, Yahoo Finance

SBI MF gets Sebi nod for IPO, may raise ₹13k cr

New Delhi: SBI Mutual Fund, the country's largest fund house, has secured Sebi's approval to float its initial public offering (IPO), a person familiar with the matter said on Friday. The proposed maiden public offering is entirely an offer for sale (OFS) of up to 20.4 crore equity shares, with no fresh issue component, according to the draft red herring prospectus (DRHP) filed in March. The offering will see promoters — SBI and Amundi India Holding — pare their stakes. A person familiar with the matter said that the fund house received Sebi's approval to float the public issue estimated to be worth Rs 13,000 crore. The IPO is expected to be launched next month. AGENCIES

ED launches FEMA probe against five B'luru entities

New Delhi: Enforcement Directorate (ED) Friday said it initiated a Fema investigation against five Bengaluru-based companies alleged to have undertaken cross-border transactions worth Rs 2,500 crore using cryptocurrency without due authorisation from the Reserve Bank of India.

ED conducted searches at six premises in Karnataka's capital city on June 17.

The agency identified the covered entities through their brand identities and holding company names: Transak (Transak Technology India); Carret (Carretx Technologies); Xpat, formerly known as Remit2any (Mokshagna Technologies); Onramp.money (Buyhatke Internet) and Onmeta (Abhibha Technologies).

It alleged these brands posted online advertisements for buying, selling and swapping cryptocurrency "immediately" or in the "fastest way" to convert fiat to crypto and back for global money transfer.

ED initiated a probe under the Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA) and launched searches based on allegations of unauthorised cross-border money transfers by multiple entities using Virtual Digital Assets (VDAs) or cryptocurrency, the ED said in a statement.

The agency said discreet enquiries found "large-scale" circumvention of FEMA regulations by some unauthorised payment system operators using crypto to undertake the foreign money transfers.

ED said it has put restraint orders on some bank accounts of these entiies, having a balance of around Rs 6 crore. PTI

Sebi allows easier transfer of shares of dead investors

Establishes New Conduct Rules For Employees, Top Officials

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai: The board of Sebi on Friday decided to make it easier for transfer of securities that are in the name of deceased investors to the legal heirs and claimants by simplifying and standardising the process. It also created a new category of claimants where the value of securities is not more than Rs 10,000 per scrip for those in physical form and not above Rs 30,000 held in demat.

The regulatory agency also doubled the small-value claim amount to Rs 10 lakh per scrip for physical shares and Rs 30 lakh for demat shares. Further, the Sebi board allowed the re-introduction of the open market share buyback process that uses the stock exchange mechanism. A few years ago, this process was withdrawn due to taxation issues, Sebi officials said.

The Sebi board also made it easier for fund houses to avail of intra-day borrowing to bridge liquidity mismatch. And, to bring in more transparency among Sebi's employees, the board also approved a new Code of Conduct for Members of Sebi and amendments to the Sebi (Employees' Service) Regulations, 2001, chairman Tuhin Kanta Pandey said.

The regulatory body's top decision making body also approved a host of measures that would reduce procedural requirements and streamline the transmission process.

It said that since the transmission would be into a demat account, which in any case needs a PAN for opening, the requirement to submit a PAN was not required. It said the mandatory requirement of obtaining probate of a will has been done away with, in line with recent amendments to succession laws. The regulator also said that from now a combined affidavit-cum-no objection certificate (NOC) will be required, instead of separate affidavits and NOCs. It also allowed death certificates (DCs) carrying a QR code for this process, in addition to original or attested copies of DCs.

Sebi also decided to re-introduce open market buyback through the stock exchange mechanism. It also reviewed the buy-back processes, post "the revision in taxation framework and the suggestions received from stakeholders with the objective of providing greater flexibility in undertaking buybacks, reducing procedural complexity and strengthening investor protection," the release said.

'No self-listing'

Pandey said the regulator was not considering any proposal to allow self-listing, meaning allowing a stock exchange or its group company to list on its own bourse. In India, BSE is listed and traded only on NSE.

REGULATOR'S KEY DECISIONS

- **Creates new category of claimants** where value of securities is not more than ₹10,000 per scrip for those in physical form and not above ₹30,000 held in demat
- **Doubles small-value claim amount** to Rs 10 lakh per scrip for physical shares and ₹30 lakh for demat shares
- **Makes it easier for fund houses to avail of intra-day borrowing** to bridge liquidity mismatch
- **Will re-introduce open market buy-back** through the stock exchange mechanism
- **Re-introduced process, which has several checks and balances,** and they will be effective Aug 1, 2026

Reliance succession plan on track, enters final leg

Chairman Mukesh Ambani Says RIL Future In Safe Hands, Conglomerate Indivisible

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Mumbai: Mukesh Ambani, chairman of Reliance Industries, said the transfer of day-to-day management at the company is "almost complete", signalling that the succession process at the energy-to-education conglomerate has entered its final stages. The 69-year-old told shareholders that his three children — Akash, Isha and Anant — have each completed three years on the board of RIL and lead key verticals. Akash oversees the technology business, Isha heads the consumer business, while Anant is responsible for the energy portfolio.

"They are three bodies, one soul," Ambani said. "Their soul is Reliance. One single indivisible Reliance, now and forever."

Describing the company's future leadership as secure, Ambani said: "The future of your company is not only in safe hands, but in hands that will take Reliance to far greater heights."

He added that around 500 young leaders in their 30s and 40s have been developed across various businesses within the group to support his three children and the next phase of growth. According to Ambani, these leaders bring "domain expertise" and "technological fluency", alongside what he described as the "first generation's passion".

Although he continues to provide hands-on leadership, Ambani said the transition of day-to-day management responsibilities is now "almost complete". His current term ends in April 2029.

The three siblings have become increasingly visible at RIL's AGMs, presenting plans and updates on their respective business divisions. Ambani spoke about the succession plan for the first time at an in-house event in Dec 2021. Ambani himself came to the chairmanship under difficult circumstances. He joined the company's board in 1977 — the year it was listed — at the age of 20, and became chairman and managing director following the death of his father and RIL founder Dhirubhai Ambani in 2002. His succession was complicated by a dispute with his younger brother Anil over control of the company after their father died intestate.

'WAR ADDED TO EXISTING PROBLEMS'

On business environment

"The past six years have been among the most volatile and uncertain in decades. Covid-19, geopolitical tensions, energy disruptions, supply chain fragmentation, and sharp commodity swings have made the global environment deeply unpredictable. The war in West Asia added to these problems. Yet tough times do not last—tough nations do. And India stands today as one of the most resilient nations in the world

On succession

"Akash, Isha and Anant are heading the Jio IPO process and will lead the next generation of value creation at Reliance. They are three bodies, one soul. Their soul is Reliance. One single indivisible Reliance, now and forever

—Mukesh Ambani | CHAIRMAN, RELIANCE INDUSTRIES

Jio weighs India satellite network

Mumbai: Jio Platforms is evaluating the development of an Indian-owned low-earth orbit (LEO) satellite constellation to provide broadband and direct-to-device connectivity in remote villages, island communities and border regions beyond the reach of terrestrial mobile networks, MD Akash Ambani said Friday. In the near term, the company plans to accelerate service rollout by leasing capacity from global satellite operators while building its own long-term space infrastructure.

Akash said the company is also building ground-station infrastructure that will support partner constellations as well as future Jio satellites, creating an end-to-end satellite broadband ecosystem spanning space and ground. Jio is reportedly considering a constellation of 1,600 LEO satellites operating at an altitude of about 650 km, marking its entry into a market currently led by Starlink, Amazon Leo and Eutelsat OneWeb. Eutelsat OneWeb, backed by Bharti Airtel, already has over 650 satellites in orbit, while Starlink operates the world's largest LEO broadband constellation. — **Reeba Zachariah**

'Gulf uncertainty prompted RBI wait and watch policy'

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai: RBI's monetary policy committee members voted for a "wait and watch" stance as rising inflation projections, driven mainly by food and fuel shocks, prompted caution amid uncertainty over the duration of the conflict in West Asia, according to the minutes of the 61st MPC meeting held from June 3 to 5, released on Friday. Members had unanimously voted to keep the policy rate unchanged at 5.25%.

The decision reflects concern that headline inflation, projected to peak at 5.9% in Q3, is being driven by temporary supply-side pressures rather than demand. Governor Sanjay Malhotra said core inflation, excluding precious metals, remains below target, giving the central bank room to support growth while monitoring risks. He said uncertainty over the West Asia conflict, supply disruptions, and a below-normal monsoon led the MPC to wait for more data.

> Once the West Asia conflict is resolved, the outlook, both for India as well as globally, could improve rapidly warranting a fresh look at the inflation-growth dynamics. Therefore, it would be prudent to adopt a wait and watch approach rather than make an early or preemptive policy pivot
>
> —Poonam Gupta | DEPUTY GUV, RESERVE BANK OF INDIA

Malhotra said that the Q3 peak of inflation is "close to the upper tolerance level of 6%" and that "most of the increase... is driven by food and fuel, which is supply driven." On growth, he said India is "one of the fastest growing major economies" and remains "quite strong and healthy vis-à-vis many of our peers." Indranil Bhattacharyya said CPI inflation in April was 3.5%, but "WPI inflation... increased sharply to 8.3%... driven by increases in energy and other industrial input prices."

He said the FY27 CPI projection "has been revised upwards... by 50 basis points to 5.1%," while growth has been trimmed by 30 basis points from 6.9%.

External member Nagesh Kumar said inflation at 5.1% marks a 300-basis point rise over 2025-26, while growth at 6.6% is lower than 7.6% last year, though India will remain the fastest-growing major economy.

Forex reserves fall to 14-mth low as gold valuations dip

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai: India's foreign exchange reserves fell to a 14-month low of $671.6 billion, down nearly $10 billion from $681.6 billion on June 5, driven largely by a steep fall in gold valuations.

The value of gold reserves dropped by $10.8 billion during the week to $103.8 billion from $114.6 billion. This marks one of the largest weekly declines in the value of gold reserves on record, and is noted as the second highest value drop historically.

> **Gold reserves value dropped by $10.8 billion in the week. This marks one of the largest weekly declines in value of gold reserves and is second highest value drop historically**

The share of gold in total reserves also declined during the week, falling from 16.8% on June 5 to 15.5% on June 12. The decline was entirely due to a fall in international gold prices, as RBI has maintained that it has not sold any gold from its reserves.

The latest data also reflects a broader downward trend in foreign exchange reserves after they reached an all-time peak of $728.49 billion on Feb 27, 2026. Since then, reserves have steadily declined, with the June 12 level of $671.63 billion marking the lowest point after the peak.

According to the data, reserves have fallen by over $56 billion from the Feb high as RBI sold dollars to stem the volatility in the foreign exchange market as foreign institutional investors sold a record quantity of Indian equity and debt.

Private sector banks see decline in data quality

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai: Private sector banks led a broad-based deterioration in data reporting quality in the March 2026 quarter. The latest round of the Supervisory Data Quality Index (sDQI) showed a marked decline in their scores compared with the previous quarter.

The sDQI, a quarterly metric compiled by Reserve Bank of India, tracks the quality of regulatory data submitted by banks across four parameters—accuracy, completeness, timeliness and consistency—and is updated every quarter to reflect changes in reporting standards and systems.

In the March 2026 update, private sector banks recorded the steepest sequential drop among all segments, with their overall score falling from 90.6 in Dec 2025 to 89.3. The decline was broad-based, with accuracy slipping from 87.2 to 85.4, completeness dropping from 97.6 to 95.5, and timeliness weakening from 90.1 to 88.9. Consistency showed only a marginal improvement, rising from 87.4 to 87.5. The deterioration comes as the overall system saw a mild decline in reporting quality in the latest quarter. Across all scheduled commercial banks, the aggregate sDQI score eased from 90.9 to 90.7, while the number of banks flagged for potential concern increased from two to three.

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Other segments also reflected the shifting nature of the quarterly index. Public sector banks saw their score edge down from 91.0 to 90.7, as gains in timeliness and consistency were offset by weaker accuracy and completeness. Small finance banks, which had topped the rankings in the previous quarter, recorded a sharper fall from 91.9 to 90.4, including a loss of their earlier perfect score on completeness.

Jio public offer proceeds will be used to pare debt

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The decision marks a departure from earlier expectations that foreign backers would use the float to cash out part of their stakes in Jio. Funds raised will go towards retiring debt (Jio's net debt stood at Rs 27,579 crore as of March 31, 2026) and for other corporate purposes. The Jio offering, paired with the NSE's $3 billion IPO, is expected to reshape an IPO market that has struggled for momentum this year.

Ambani first indicated his intention for a public listing of Jio in 2019. While RIL has since listed Jio Financial Services in 2023, that entity was carved out through a demerger rather than an IPO. Jio Platforms will mark the group's first IPO since Reliance Petroleum's listing in 2006, which was subsequently merged back into RIL.

Jio will issue 27 crore shares with a face value of Rs 10 each, resulting in an equity dilution of 2.9%. The dilution is close to the minimum public float permitted under Sebi's revised IPO norms, which allow companies with a post-issue market capitalisation above Rs 5 lakh crore ($60 billion) to dilute just 2.5% at listing and subsequently achieve the mandatory 25% public shareholding over a 10-year period.

"This is a deeply emotional moment for me, the entire Reliance family, and millions of its shareholders," Ambani said during his annual address to RIL shareholders.

He described the Jio IPO as "the most important value-creation milestone this year", adding that his children are leading the process.

RIL owns 66% of Jio, which disrupted India's telecom market in 2016 with free voice calls and heavily discounted data plans, and has since grown to become the country's largest wireless operator.

Jio Platforms, in which Google, Meta and Abu Dhabi Investment Authority are investors, is expected to command a valuation of over $100 billion, which would rank it among India's most valuable companies and among the world's largest telecom groups by market capitalisation.

INDIA'S LARGEST IPOs

	Issue size (₹ cr approx)	IPO Year
Hyundai Motor India	27,870	2024
LIC	21,008	2022
Paytm (One97 Comm)	18,300	2021
Coal India	15,200	2010
Reliance Power	11,563	2008

On Wednesday, NSE filed papers with Sebi for IPO through which it is expected to raise over ₹30,000 crore

Accenture outlook cut sparks fresh fears over IT recovery

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Bengaluru: Accenture's decision to lower its FY26 revenue growth guidance has intensified concerns over the pace of recovery in the global technology spending environment. Brokerages warn that Indian IT services companies could face a prolonged period of weak demand stretching into FY27.

The Dublin-based IT services giant cut the upper end of its FY26 revenue growth guidance by 100 basis points, now expecting revenue growth of 3-4%, or 2.5-3.5% on an organic basis excluding the impact of federal services. The outlook disappointed investors, sending Accenture shares down as much as 18% on Thursday to around $129 on the NYSE. US financial markets were closed on Thursday for the Juneteenth holiday.

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The guidance downgrade overshadowed an otherwise resilient third-quarter performance. Revenue for the quarter ended May 31 rose 6% year-on-year to $18.7 billion in dollar terms, while local-currency growth stood at 3%—Accenture's slowest growth rate in eight quarters.

The commentary has renewed concerns for Indian IT companies, many of which derive a significant share of revenues from discretionary technology spending. Analysts at Ambit Institutional Equities said weakness at Accenture—widely viewed as the strongest player in global IT services—has a negative read-across for demand prospects across India's tier-1 IT firms and suggests a weaker-than-expected start to FY27.

CLSA said the guidance cut and softer managed-services order book appeared to reflect a challenging macroeconomic environment rather than disruption from AI.

Technology stocks lead sensex's 607-point slide

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai: Technology stocks led the sell-off on Dalal Street on Friday after Accenture scaled back its revenue guidance for the year the previous evening. Led by strong selling in Infosys, TCS, HCL Tech and some other heavyweights, sensex opened the session deep in the red, and after breaking a five-session winning run, closed 607 points down at 76,803 points. The fragile nature of the West Asia peace agreement also weighed on investor sentiment, market players said.

The day's slide came despite a Rs 4,859-crore net buying by foreign investors, exchange data showed.

On Thursday night, Accenture lost a record 18% and ended the day at a market value of $76.7 billion. On Friday, despite a 3.4% loss in its stock price, TCS closed the day with a market capitalisation of Rs 7.7 lakh crore, translating to $81.4 billion, making it the most valued software services firm in the world.

In addition to Infosys and TCS, other stocks that contributed heavily to the sensex's fall were HDFC Bank and Reliance Industries. Among the top sensex gainers were Eternal, Bharti Airtel and Powergrid Corp.

At close of trade, at Rs 477.5 lakh crore, BSE's market cap was barely changed over Thursday's.

Our India data centre will power global AI work: Meta

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New Delhi: Meta's decision to establish its first AI-enabled data centre in India reflects the company's growing view of the country as a strategic hub for global digital infrastructure. The Mark Zuckerberg-led company recently partnered with Reliance Industries to lease a 168-megawatt facility in Jamnagar, Gujarat, while also signing agreements with clean energy providers CleanMax and Fourth Partner Energy to support nearly 1 GW of renewable energy capacity.

Speaking at a media roundtable, Santosh Janardhan, Meta's vice-president of infrastructure, said the Jamnagar site would not serve Indian users alone but would become part of the company's global network of interconnected computing systems powering AI workloads and services across its ecosystem.

"It takes a global network to enable a global network," Janardhan said, adding that the facility would be flexible enough to support a variety of workloads rather than simply being dedicated to any single product.

According to him, every interaction on Meta's platforms, from Instagram Reels to WhatsApp messages, relies on multiple data centres working together in real time. He said modern AI infrastructure should be viewed as a network of "super-connected supercomputers" rather than isolated facilities. Janardhan said Meta evaluates locations based on access to land, power, network connectivity and water, but stressed that talent remains India's biggest advantage. The country's expertise across hardware, software, distributed systems and silicon design makes it one of the few markets with a broad technology talent base, he said.

India's hundreds of millions of Meta users also make it an important source of product feedback and innovation, according to the executive. Addressing concerns around artificial intelligence and jobs, Janardhan said AI should be viewed primarily as an augmentation tool rather than a replacement for workers. He argued that technology has historically expanded capabilities and productivity.

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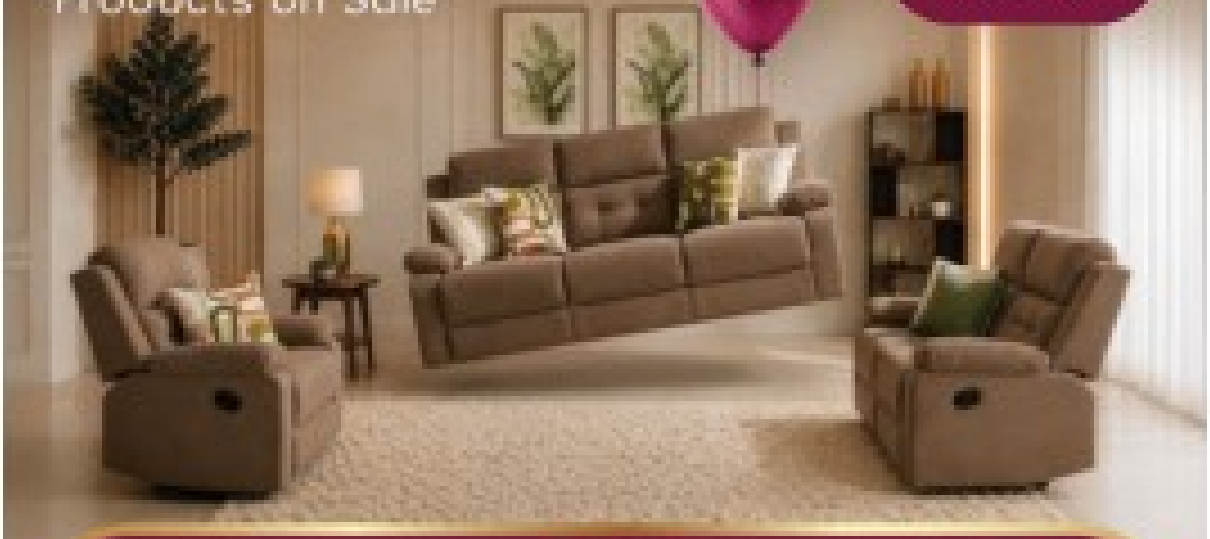

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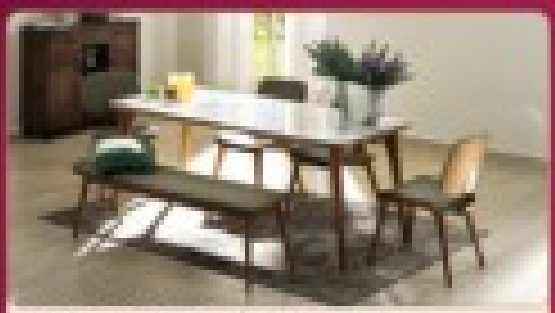

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GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

KARNATAKA GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT

Revenue Department, M. S. Building, Bengaluru

NO: E-RD 54 GRC 2026 **Date:12.06.2026**

NOTIFICATION

Whereas, upon considering the report of the Deputy Commissioner, Bengaluru Urban District and after due investigation of the complaints of depositors it has come to the notice of the Government, that M/s Heera Group of Companies is involved in fraudulent transactions by clandestinely and illegally collecting deposits or money from the general public and thereafter have failed to return the same either after maturity or on demand made by the depositors or complainants with promised interest and other assured benefits and thereby have failed to render the services promised to them.

And whereas, it has further come to the notice of the Government that M/s Heera Group of Companies and people associating with them have been acquiring lands, movable and immovable properties, cash and others from and out of the deposits or money so collected, from the depositors or complainants and thereby deviating from the intended purposes of accepting the deposits or money.

And whereas, the Government has reason to believe that the actions of M/s Heera Group of Companies and people associating with them are acting in and detrimental to the interest of the depositors or complainants whose intention was to defraud the innocent depositors, and it has become necessary to protect the interest of the depositors of the M/s Heera Group of Companies.

And whereas, now the Government after considering the report of the Special Officer and Competent Authority IMA and other KPID Cases and Competent Authority for M/s Heera Group of Companies and satisfying itself about the urgent need to protect the interest of the depositors and in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (2) of Section (3) of the Karnataka Protection of interest of Depositors in Financial Establishment Act, 2004 (Karnataka Act 30 of 2005) hereby makes the following order, namely:

"ORDER"

Now therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (2) of Section (3) of the Karnataka Protection of interest of Depositors in Financial Establishment Act, 2004 (Karnataka Act 30 of 2005), the Government under the circumstances stated above having satisfied that in order to protect the interest of depositors it is necessary to attach the movable and immovable properties believed to belong to M/s Heera Group of Companies.

Therefore, the Government hereby attaches the immovable properties as specified in the Annexure-1, 2 and 3 to this order believed to have been acquired by the M/s Heera Group of Companies ,either in its own name or in the name of any other person from and out of the deposits collected by the M/s Heera Group of Companies and where it transpires that such money or such other properties of the said financial establishment, or the personal assets of the promoters, partners, directors, managers or members or any other person of the said financial establishment is not sufficient for the repayment of the deposits or interest or such other assured benefits to the depositors.

Note: All the aforesaid immovable properties from the date of publication of this order in the Official Gazette, shall forth with vest with the Competent Authority, who has been appointed by the Government, pending further orders from the Special Court.

By Order and in the name of the Governor of Karnataka
Sd/-
(Anwar Basha)
Deputy Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department
(Services-1, SSLR & Special Cell)

Annexure-1

Details of the immovable properties belonging to Fradulent Financial Establishment : M/s Heera Group of Companies

State : Karnataka

Details of the immovable properties belonging to Fradulent Financial Establishment : M/s Heera Group of Companies

Sl. No.	Schedule Property details.	Seller	Purchaser	Registration No. and date	Market Value	Remarks
1.	**SCHEDULE - 'A'** (Description of entire Property) All that piece and parcel of Immovable Property bearing No.35, situated at Mosque Road, Frazer Town, Ward No.91, Bengaluru, PID No.91-8-35 and bounded as follows:- EAST : Mosque Road WEST : Hajee Sir Ismail Sait's Trust Property NORTH : Conservancy Lane SOUTH : Migandadeva Mudaliar Road measuring on East to West: 72 Feet and North to South: 63 Feet, in all measuring 4536 Square Feet **SCHEDULE-'B'** (Description of undivided share hereby conveyed) An undivided share of 336.50 square feet in the land comprised in the schedule 'A' Property; **SCHEDULE-'C'** (Description of the Unit conveyed by the Vendor corresponding to the acquisition of 336.50 square feet undivided share in the Schedule 'A' Property) All that Office Space bearing No.SF-01, having separate BBMP Municipal No.35/2, on the Second Floor of the Commercial Building known as "RICH TOPAZ", having a super built up area measuring 1521 Square Feet (765 Sqft+756 Sqft), along with Two covered Car Parking Spaces (SF-01), measuring 300 Square Feet in the Basement, constructed on the Premises bearing Corporation No.35, situated at Mosque Road, Frazer Town(Pulakeshinagar), Ward No.91, Bengaluru, PID No.91-8-35, with Hollow Blocks, R.C.C.Roofing, Vitrified/Mosaic tile flooring, Sal wood doors with powder coated glazed Alumininum windows and tiled walls, WC and hand wash basin in the wash room, together with proportionate share in common walls, passages, staircases, lift room, lobbies and other areas of common use. The Electricity Meter Sl No.AEM11101P006; UNIT BOUNDED ON THE: ON THE EAST : Office Unit No. SF-2 WEST : Hajee Sir Ismail Sait's Trust Property; NORTH : Office Unit No. SF-04 and Common Passage SOUTH : Migandadeva Mudaliar Road AND MEASURINT : 28 Feet 6 Inches x 39 Feet4 inches (North to South x East to West) and 5 Feet 6 Inches x 5 feet (North to South x East to West) Total built up area 1148 Square Feet	Mrs. Marianne Joan Lobo	M/s. HEERA GOLD EXIM LIMITED Rep by its Director Mrs. Shaik Nowhera	HLS-1-04292-2016-17, 15-12-2016	Will be obtained from the authorized valuer at the time of valuation.	Property is in the name of Financial Establishment
2.	**SCHEDULE - 'A'** (Description of entire Property) All that piece and parcel of Immovable Property bearing No.35, situated at Mosque Road, Frazer Town, Ward No.91, Bengaluru, PID No.91-8-35 and bounded as follows:- EAST : Mosque Road WEST : Hajee Sir Ismail Sait's Trust Property NORTH : Conservancy Lane SOUTH : Migandadeva Mudaliar Road measuring on East to West: 72 Feet and North to South: 63 Feet, in all measuring 4536 Square Feet **SCHEDULE-'B'** (Description of undivided share hereby conveyed) An undivided share of 663.95 square feet in the land comprised in the schedule 'A' Property; **SCHEDULE-'C'** (Description of the Unit conveyed by the Vendor corresponding to the acquisition of 663.95 square feet undivided share in the Schedule 'A' Property) All that Office Space bearing in a portion of Terrace Floor, having separate BBMP Municipal No.35/7, showing as the Fourth Floor (Portion) of the Commercial Building known as "RICH TOPAZ", having a super built up area measuring 1200 Square Feet, constructed on Premises bearing Corporation No.35, situated at Mosque Road, Frazer Town, Ward No.91, Bengaluru, PIO No.91-8-35, with Holfow Blocks, R.C.C.Roofing, Vitrified tiles flooring, Sar wood doors with powder coated glazed Aluminum windows, together with proportionate share in common walls, passages, staircases, lift room, lobbies and other areas of common use	M/s. REGAL INVESTMENT CONSTRUCTIONS & HOLDINGS Rep by its Managing Partner Mr. Mohamed Khalid (Developer / Builder) Mr. Tauqeer Ahmed	M/s. HEERA GOLD EXIM LIMITED Rep by its Director Mrs. Shaik Nowhera .	HLS-1-04293-2016-17, 15-12-2016	Will be obtained from the authorized valuer at the time of valuation.	Property is in the name of Financial Establishment
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4.	**SCHEDULE - 'A'** (Description of entire Property) All that piece and parcel of Immovable Property bearing No.35, situated at Mosque Road, Frazer Town, Ward No.91, Bengaluru, PID No.91-8-35 and bounded as follows:- EAST : Mosque Road WEST : Hajee Sir Ismail Sait's Trust Property NORTH : Conservancy Lane SOUTH : Migandadeva Mudaliar Road measuring on East to West: 72 Feet and North to South: 63 Feet, in all measuring 4536 Square Feet **SCHEDULE-'B'** (Description of undivided share hereby conveyed) An undivided share of 1217 square feet in the land comprised in the schedule 'A' Property; **SCHEDULE-'C'** (Description of the Unit conveyed by the Vendor corresponding to the acquisition of 1217 square feet undivided share in the Schedule 'A' Property) All that Showroom/Office Space bearing No.GF+MF, having separate BBMP Municipal No.35, on the Ground and Mezzanine Floor of the Commercial Building known as "RICH TOPAZ", having a super buitt up area measuring 5500 Square Feet along with Four Car Parking Spaces in the Basement along with Two Exclusive Surface Car Parking Spaces on the Southern side, constructed on Premises bearing Corporation No.35, situated at Mosque Road, Frazer Town, Ward No.91, Bengaluru, PID No.91-8-35, with Hollow Blocks, R.C.C.Roofing, the tile flooring, Sal wood doors with powder coated glazed Aluminum windows, together with proportionate share in common walls, passages, staircases, lift room, lobbies and other areas of common use	Mr. H G Javid Fahim, Mr. Shahid Saleem, Mr.Mujahid Iqbal	M/s. HEERA GOLD EXIM LIMITED Rep by its Director Mrs. Shaik Nowhera .	HLS-1-04295-2016-17, 15-12-2016	Will be obtained from the authorized valuer at the time of valuation.	Property is in the name of Financial Establishment
5.	**SCHEDULE - 'A'** (Description of entire Property) All that piece and parcel of Immovable Property bearing No.35, situated at Mosque Road, Frazer Town, Ward No.91, Bengaluru, PID No.91-8-35 and bounded as follows:- EAST : Mosque Road WEST : Hajee Sir Ismail Sait's Trust Property NORTH : Conservancy Lane SOUTH : Migandadeva Mudaliar Road measuring on East to West: 72 Feet and North to South: 63 Feet, in all measuring 4536 Square Feet **SCHEDULE-'B'** (Description of undivided share hereby conveyed) An undivided share of 221.2 square feet in the land comprised in the schedule 'A' Property; **SCHEDULE-'C'** (Description of the Unit conveyed by the Vendor corresponding to the acquisition of 221.2 square feet undivided share in the Schedule 'A' Property) All that Office Space bearing a portion of No.TF, having separate BBMP Municipal No.35/6, on the Third Floor of the Commercial Building known as "RICH TOPAZ", having a super built up area measuring 1000 Square Feet along with One Car Parking Space in the Basement, constructed on Premises bearing Corporation No.35, situated at Mosque Road, Frazer Town, Ward No.91, Bengaluru, PID No.91-8-35, (the other three portions of 1000 Square Feet each undivided interest in super built area being purchased by the other three sisters of the purchaser) with Hollow Blocks, R.C.C.Roofing, Vitrified tiles flooring, Sal wood doors with powder coated glazed Aluminum windows, together with proportionate share in common walls, passages, staircases, lift room, lobbies and other areas of common use	Mrs. Natamkar Ayesha Amreen W/o Mr. N. Mudassir Ahmed	M/s. HEERA GOLD EXIM LIMITED Rep by its Director Mrs. Shaik Nowhera .	HLS-1-04300-2016-17, 15-12-2016	Will be obtained from the authorized valuer at the time of valuation.	Property is in the name of Financial Establishment
6.	**SCHEDULE - 'A'** (Description of entire Property) All that piece and parcel of Immovable Property bearing No.35, situated at Mosque Road, Frazer Town, Ward No.91, Bengaluru, PID No.91-8-35 and bounded as follows: EAST : Mosque Road WEST : Hajee Sir Ismail Sait's Trust Property, NORTH : Conservancy Lane, SOUTH : Migandadeva Mudaliar Road measuring on East to West: 72 Feet and North to South: 63 Feet, in all measuring 4536 Square Feet **SCHEDULE-'B'** (Description of undivided share hereby conveyed) An undivided share of 221.275 square feet in the land comprised in the schedule 'A' Property; SCHEDULE-'C'(Description of the Unit conveyed by the Vendor corresponding to the acquisition of 221.275 square feet undivided share in the Schedule 'A' Property) All that Office Space bearing a portion of No.TF, having separate BBMP Municipal No.35/6, on the Third Floor of the Commercial Building known as "RICH TOPAZ", having a super built	Mrs. T. Aneesa Juman	M/s. HEERA GOLD EXIM LIMITED Rep by its Director Mrs. Shaik Nowhera .	HLS-1-04296-2016-17, 15-12-2016	Will be obtained from the authorized valuer at the time of valuation.	Property is in the name of Financial Establishment

The tang jacket is everywhere

The traditional Chinese silhouette is finding a new audience in modern wardrobes

Angela Watson

The tang jacket has undergone a remarkable transformation. Once reserved for ceremonial occasions and worn by emperors and scholars, the mandarin-collared silhouette is now a fixture on the streets of Sydney, Singapore and beyond. Designers have stripped away the heavy embroidery and rigid construction, leaving behind a clean, architectural shape that slots easily into everyday dressing.

The appeal is partly practical. Many versions are cut from lightweight cotton or linen blends, making them suitable for warm weather, and the high collar can be worn open or fastened depending on the mood. Pairing a tang jacket with tailored trousers or a pencil skirt gives an outfit a contemporary edge, while wearing it over jeans and a T-shirt keeps the look relaxed.

Making the tang jacket feel contemporary and versatile

According to fashion historians, the garment's adaptability is part of what has kept it alive for so long. Unlike more structured formalwear, the tang jacket has always been layered over other clothing, which means modern wearers can treat it as a statement piece or a subtle finishing touch.

Trying a tang jacket for everyday wear

- Choose a lightweight fabric such as linen or a cotton blend for warm days.
- Wear it open over a simple T-shirt and jeans for a relaxed look.
- Pair with tailored trousers or a pencil skirt for a more polished outfit.
- Fasten the collar and wear it as a jacket with dress pants for the office.
- Layer it over a dress in cooler weather, treating it like a cardigan.
- Look for versions with hidden pockets, which are surprisingly common.

Where to find one

Local alterations and dressmakers can give the tang jacket a contemporary edge, making it easy to pair with everything from tailored trousers to relaxed denim.

Sydney's growing fashion community

Sydney has become a natural home for the tang jacket, with a strong community of designers and makers who have helped push the garment beyond its traditional roots. Events and pop-up markets have also given local creators a chance to showcase their work directly to customers.

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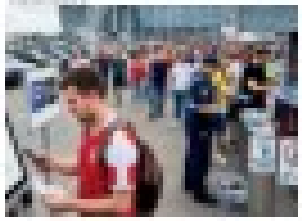

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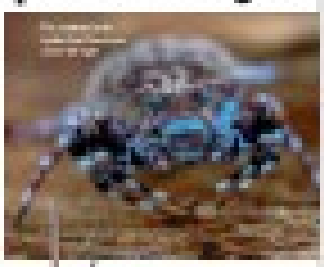

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Salima & Co face Chile

Auckland: Dominant so far in the tournament, a confident India will look to continue in the same vein and upstage a lower-ranked Chile in the semifinals of the FIH Nations Cups here on Saturday in their pursuit of reclaiming their place in the elite FIH Pro League. India have literally muscled their way to the semifinals from Pool A with three wins from as many games, topping the group with nine points ahead of the USA. India are determined to win the FIH Nations Cup to earn their place back in next season's elite FIH Pro League, from which they were relegated last year.

HOCKEY WRAP

HARMANPREET'S MEN LOSE

India conceded two late goals to lose to reigning world champions Germany 1-2 in their FIH Pro League match in Rotterdam on Thursday. AGENCIES

India settle for silver

Guangdong: India's title hopes came unstuck in the final rubber as they went down fighting to hosts China 'A' in the World Team Snooker Championship gold medal clash here on Friday.

SNOOKER

With the final on the balance at 2-2, an out-of-sorts Aditya Mehta came up short in the decider against Li Chengjie. In a frame that could have gone either way, the error-prone India No. 2 failed to take the chances that came his way and let the hosts win 3-2. Pankaj Advani gave India the first rubber, prevailing in a battle of attrition against Chengjie.

Result: China 'A' bt India 3-2 (Li Chengjie lost to Pankaj Advani 19-54; Xu Jiarui bt Aditya Mehta 66-34; Jiarui/Pan Yiming bt Advani/ Mehta 79-0; Advani bt Jiarui 82-4; Chengjie bt Mehta 68-32). AGENCIES

Shreyanka ruled out

Uncapped Leggie Prema Named Replacement

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Shreyanka Patil's injury woes continued, as another setback ended her ICC Women's T20 World Cup campaign prematurely. The 23-year-old, who had finally seemed to have put a prolonged injury nightmare behind her, now faces another setback.

The Karnataka off-spinner was on Friday ruled out of the ongoing tournament after suffering an ankle injury during India's Group A clash against the Netherlands, dealing a significant blow to the team's bowling plans. She has been replaced by uncapped leg spinner Prema Rawat.

The injury occurred in the final over of the power play in Wednesday's game. Shreyanka bowled just one delivery of her opening over before twisting her right ankle while attempting to collect the ball. She winced in pain and was unable to put weight on her foot. After she was stretchered off the field, Shafali Verma completed the over.

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INJURY BLUES: Shreyanka Patil

The latest blow continues a frustrating pattern for one of India's most promising cricketers. Shreyanka missed the previous ODI World Cup due to an ACL tear and spent nearly 11 months on the sidelines. Before that, a broken finger ruled her out of the 2024 T20 World Cup. She also battled shin splints in both legs and later a stress reaction in her wrist, limiting her game time over the last two years.

Just before the Netherlands tie, the bubbly Bengaluru cricketer had opened up about her struggle due to depression during the long injury layoff. Her absence leaves a sizeable void in India's bowling attack. Even with limited appearances, Shreyanka remains one of India's most reliable middle-overs and death-overs options.

While Shreyanka is set for another recovery journey, her replacement, 24-year-old Rawat, earned her maiden senior national call-up after impressing in domestic cricket and India A colours. Rawat was among the standout performers in the Rising Stars Women's Asia Cup, claiming eight wickets at an economy rate of 4.27, and is currently with the India A side in England.

For Shreyanka, the wait for an uninterrupted run in international cricket continues.

WINDIES PREVAIL

West Indies overcame Scotland by seven runs and stayed unbeaten in the tournament on Thursday. **Brief scores: West Indies 153/6 in 20 overs** (S Taylor 47n.o, S Campbelle 36, Fraser 2/34) bt **Scotland 146 all out in 20 overs** (D Carter 59, A Alleyne 3/11, HMatthews 3/19).

Tanishka, Aakash emerge victorious

Bengaluru: Tanishka Kalabhairav continued her dominant run, picking up her third title at the State ranking table tennis tournament in Mysuru on Friday.

After clinching a double on the opening day, the Belagavi paddler cruised to the U-17 title with an 11-8, 11-9, 11-7 win over Hiya Singh. Earlier, in the last-four contest, Tanishka handed Raashi V Rao an 11-8, 11-8, 11-8 defeat, while Hiya registered a 5-11, 11-5, 11-8, 11-7 comeback win over Krisha P Karkera. **Aakash KJ** clinched the men's title, getting past Abhinav K Murthy with an 11-5, 13-11, 11-7, 11-5 scoreline. **Results: U-17 Girls: Final:** Tanishka Kalabhairav bt Hiya Singh 11-8, 11-9, 11-7; **Semis:** Tanishka bt Raashi V Rao 11-8, 11-8, 11-8; Hiya Singh bt Krisha P Karkera 5-11, 11-5, 11-8, 11-7. **Men: Final:** Aakash K J bt Abhinav K Murthy 11-5, 13-11, 11-7, 11-5; **Semis:** Aakash bt Raja Kundu 11-7, 11-5, 11-3, 11-8; Abhinav bt BR Gaurav 11-8, 8-11, 9-11, 13-11, 12-10, 6-11, 12-10. TNN

Mayne Magic best for feature

Bengaluru: Kishan Thomas-trained Mayne Magic — to be ridden by Antony Raj — looks best to win the Chief Justice's Cup, the feature event here on Saturday. Miracle Star, to be piloted by Suraj Narredu, is the next best. The first race starts at 2 pm. **1. The Pronto Pronto Plate 1600M:** Incredible Luck 1, Digital Empress 2. **2. The Borsalino Plate (Div II) 1400M:** Knotty Cruise 1, Prince of Wales 2. **3. The Paddiwick Plate 1600M:** Art of Romance 1, Stella Maris 2. **4. The D Kumar Siddanna Memorial Cup 1400M:** Seize The Grey 1, Royal Legacy 2. **5. The Chief Justice's Cup (Grade III) 1800M:** Mayne Magic 1, Miracle Star 2. **6. The Prabalo Plate 1200M:** Bright Thunder 1, Windcleaver 2. **7. The Borsalino Plate (Div I) 1400M:** Night Raider 1, Valiant Stream 2. **Day's best:** Bright Thunder **Jackpot:** 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7; **Mini Jackpot:** 4, 5, 6 & 7. **First Treble:** 2, 3 & 4; **Second Treble:** 5, 6 & 7. TNN

Laksha, Harshad in final

Bengaluru: Unseeded Laksh Chengappa set up a title clash with third-seed Harshad Shadish after the finalists registered contrasting wins in the men's singles semifinals of the State U-19 and senior ranking badminton tournament in Mandya on Friday.

While Laksh eased past sixth-seeded Abhishek KK 21-19, 21-16 in the last-four contest, Harshad battled past Rudra Shahi 21-23, 21-11, 21-18.

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Results: Men's: Singles: Semis: Laksh Chengappa bt Abhishek KK 21-19, 21-16; Harshad Shadish bt Rudra Shahi 21-23, 21-11, 21-18. **Quarters:** Abhishek bt Tilak B Shetty 21-12, 25-23; Laksh bt Hemantha Manjunath Gowda 23-21, 21-16; Harshad bt Kaushik Reddy Veeram Reddy 19-21, 21-18, 21-15; Rudra Shahi bt Lal Sai Samit C Bandu 25-23, 21-23, 21-17. **Women's: Singles: Semis:** Sameeksha HN bt Lakshya Rajesh 14-21, 21-19, 21-19; Muskaan Khan bt Selvasamruddhi Selvaprabhu 21-19, 21-19. **Quarters:** Lakshya bt Siyona Kolla 21-13, 21-7; Sameeksha HN bt Anaayasree Murali 21-14, 21-8; Muskaan bt Disha Santosh 21-13, 21-17; Selvasamruddhi bt Anvitha Vijay 19-21, 21-4, 21-15. **U-19: Boys: Semis:** Hardik Divyansh bt Hardhik Mohanty 20-22, 21-11, 21-16. **Quarters:** Harshad Shadish bt Pradyot Ravi 13-21, 21-14, 21-16; Mayukh DB bt Nischal S 21-13, 21-15; Hardhik bt Peeyush Tripathy 21-14, 18-21, 21-16; Hardik bt Kaushik Reddy Veeram Reddy 17-21, 21-4, 21-16. **Girls: Semis:** Disha Santosh bt Lakshya Rajesh (w/o); Aashi Das bt Supreetha Deepak 19-21, 21-14, 21-18. **Quarters:** Disha bt Selvasamruddhi Selvaprabhu 21-15, 19-21, 21-18; Lakshya bt Gauri Satish 21-15, 21-17; Supreetha bt Banashree C Patil 15-21, 21-18, 21-19; Aashi bt Nidhi Abnaram 21-18, 21-16. TNN

SHLOK, RAICHUR IN FINAL

Stephen Swami scored four goals as Shlok HC strolled into the final of the KSHA Super Division Hockey League Championship with a 6-0 win over Karnataka Forest Department (KFD). In the other last-four contest, Raichur District HA handed Falcon HC a 4-1 defeat. **Results:** Shlok HC 6 (Stephen Swami 5, 7, 12, 23, Sandeep 34, Kartik Patare 55) bt KFD 0; Raichur District HA 4 (Manasrij Baro 13, 45, Karan Karma 52, Mayak Kumar 57) bt Falcon HC 1 (Govinda 38). **Today's matches: 3rd-4th place match:** Falcon HC vs KFD (1.30pm); **Final:** Shlok HC vs Raichur District HA (3pm).

LOCAL ROUND-UP

Raman SA in semis: Raman SA entered the North Zone semifinals of the KSFA 'C' Division League football championship with a 2-0 win over Samba FC in Bengaluru on Friday. **Results (Quarters): NZ:** Raman SA 2 bt Samba FC 0; Ronaldo FC Bangalore 7 bt DB United 0; Alchemy Intl FA 7 bt Balaharka FC Bangalore 0; Play 365 FC 4 bt RVFC 0. **SZ:** Blues FA 3 bt FC WhiteField 1; Bangalore Champs Academy 1 bt FX FC Bangalore 0; Blues Star 3 bt Universal Blues 1; BM FC 0 (6) bt via tie breaker FC Real Bengaluru 0 (5). TNN

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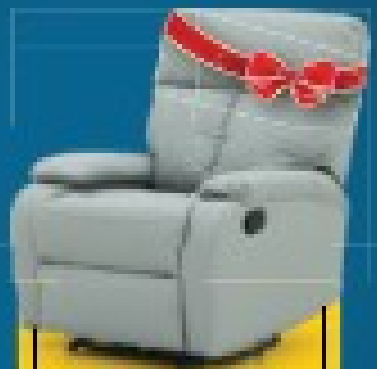

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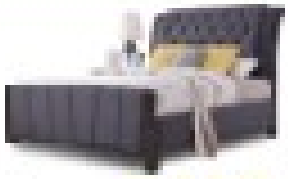

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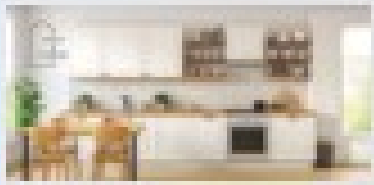

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SPAIN WILL BE A TRANSFORMED SIDE ONCE THEY START SCORING

The Next Challenge For De La Fuente's Boys Is To Wear Down Saudi Arabia, A Team High On Belief

Spain, Brazil, Portugal, Belgium and the Netherlands are some big teams who drew their opening games in World Cup 2026. Other than Brazil, the rest mostly faced teams ranked well below. Countries like Cabo Verde and DR Congo have shown that gulf in stature is not a factor anymore. Considering this and Spain's goalless showing in the first match against Cabo Verde, they are up for another test against Saudi Arabia.

This a crucial fixture in Group H for my team. Nothing but a win will take them closer to direct qualification. If they don't get that, the last game against an unpredictable Uruguay can be tricky. The group situation has all possibilities open, with four teams on a point each. Saudi Arabia proved their 2022 win against Argentina was no fluke by taking a point off Uruguay.

Less talked-about among the Asian sides, Saudi Arabia have made quiet progress. Pre-quarters in their maiden appearance in 1994, an 8-0 hammering against Germany in 2002, inglorious exit four years later including a defeat against us, it's been an eventful journey for them.

Under Greek coach Georgios Donis, they played a no-nonsense 4-4-2 in the first match. It takes tactical awareness and positional discipline to not let the opponent's superior possession count. They showed both. Expect the same against Spain, who must keep Salem Al-Dawsari under surveillance. The Saudi skipper is a dangerous presence down the left.

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I don't think Spain should be too disheartened with the first match, as far as their game goes. They did everything except for score despite not being at full strength. It was one of those days when the striking unit didn't click and a 40-year-old Vozinha had the day of his life under the bar.

This happens to the best of teams and this young bunch has to learn how to put these behind and bounce back. Luis de la Fuente must have tried to restore confidence in his ranks and there could be updates on the fitness front as well. I don't think he will be worried about strategy or formation. The challenge for his boys is to wear down a team high on belief. They missed too many chances in the first match. Lamine Yamal and Nico Williams came in as second-half substitutes and neither are 100 per cent. But there is enough talent upfront in Ferran Torres and Oyarzabal. The midfielders, too, need to be sharper in front of the goal.

The other thing the Spaniards have to deal with is psychological. It's true that they are the European champions, but this is a different stage. The longer they do not score, more will be the pressure.

Scoring first works wonders in such situations and I'm sure Spain will become a transformed lot if they get one. PMG

THE CUP'S TACTICAL TRENDS

Formations are structures on which managers plan their ideas. With goalkeeper in front of goal, it's all about the positioning of the others. Here are the formations in vogue in this WC so far...

4-3-3

- **One for the old-timers,** with the legendary **Brazilian team of 1970** using it to play some of the most beautiful football
- Among the **five teams** using the formation in this WC, **Argentina were the only team** to register a victory

4-4-2

- Aim is to ensure **structural solidity** with the midfield and defence keeping the lines compact
- Was **used by 12 of the 48 teams,** including **Brazil and Uruguay.** But it produced **only two wins** — by Scotland over Haiti and Ivory Coast over Ecuador.

4-1-2-3

- An **attack heavy formation** with teams looking to create **overloads in opposition box** with a degree of ease
- This formation has registered **four wins so far,** with teams like **Spain and Netherlands** using it, along with Mexico and Norway

4-2-3-1

- Another **offensive-minded idea,** a common formation these days
- Two holding midfielders protect the back line and **three more offensive players take care of the forward transition**
- 10 teams used it, with **USA, Eng, France** and Austria winning

High-flying Swedes face Dutch test

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POACHERS: Isak (right) and Gyokeres look to be firing on all cylinders

NETHERLANDS VS SWEDEN (Group F)

World Cup appearances Ned: **12th** | Swe **13**
FIFA rank: Ned: **8** | Swe: **34**
Best Finish Ned: Runners-up (3 times) 1974, 1978, 2010 Swe: Runners-up (1958)

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GROUP D: TURKIYE VS PARAGUAY

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Houston: Sweden head into their Group F clash against the Netherlands in Houston on Saturday flying high after producing their best World Cup scoring performance in 88 years, while the Dutch aim to regain confidence following a disappointing opening draw. A victory would put the Swedes — who thrashed Tunisia5-1 in their opener — through to the knockout rounds in a reversal of fortunes for a team that only qualified for the tournament via the European playoffs.

The Dutch were undefeated in qualifying for the tournament but an unsatisfying 2-2 draw with Japan raised questions about whether coach Ronald Koeman got his tactics right when reverting to a defensive set-up late in the match before conceding in the 89th minute. The Dutch know they require a vastly improved performance against a Sweden side revitalised under English coach Graham Potter and brimming with confidence after scoring their most goals in a World Cup game since 1938.

The Netherlands have dangerous players such as Cody Gakpo, Frenkie de Jong and Denzel Dumfries, who can provide the danger.

Sweden enter the match in Houston knowing another win puts them in a position to finish top of the group under Potter, who took over last October and guided the team to the World Cup.

Potter — who replaced a riskier attacking style with a more pragmatic system with five defenders — will also be buoyed that the duo of Alexander Isak and Viktor Gyokeres each scored against Tunisia and look to be firing on all cylinders. They will play a key role in probing a Dutch backline anchored by captain Virgil van Dijk, who scored against Japan but looked less confident when defending.

Yasin Ayari scored a brace for Sweden in the opener and will also give the Netherlands more food for thought, but it was Isak and Gyokeres who posed the main threats as they both created a host of chances beyond their goals.

"There were lots of positives for us in terms of stability. It was a good night to start the tournament," Potter said. "It's a good start but that's all it is. We face a different opponent in the next game. Saturday is a massive game for us." REUTERS

Germany focus on Diomande menace

Boston (Massachusetts): One name on every Germany player's mind is Ivory Coast winger Yan Diomande, whose meteoric rise in the Bundesliga has seen him emerge as the biggest threat to the four-time world champions when they face the African nation in the World Cup on Saturday.

Ecuador face Curacao in Kansas City on Sunday knowing that even at this early stage, the stakes are already rising sharply for both sides after opening-day defeats.

The Group E match in Toronto will be the first real test for Germany, who crushed minnows Curacao 7-1 in their opener and are now on a 10-game winning run, but they are well aware of what is up next. Their defence will have to stop the powerful 19-year-old Diomande if they are to make it two wins in a row and advance to the knockout stage for the first time since 2014.

The teenager scored his first professional goal just 13 months ago when he was playing for Leganes in Spain and got his breakthrough with a move to RB Leipzig in the Bundesliga in July 2025.

He racked up 12 Bundesliga goals and eight assists in his first season with the German club and has become a major transfer target for top European sides.

While Germany easily won their opener, the Ivorians needed a late winner to edge past Ecuador 1-0. "We'll have to keep a very close eye on Diomande," said Germany defender Antonio Ruediger. "But also Nicolas Pepe and Amad Diallo. These are like express trains that you see coming. They love one-on-one situations." REUTERS

GROUP E: GERMANY VS IVORY COAST

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SNAP SHOTS

Capitals to trade Kuldeep for Pant

Rishabh Pant is set to return to Delhi Capitals in a trade deal with Lucknow Super Giants. The two IPL franchises have reached an understanding in which Pant is likely to be traded for Kuldeep Yadav, reports **Arani Basu**. It is understood that DC are also looking for a replacement for head coach Hemang Badani. The franchise may rope in former India batter Yuvraj Singh as a key member of the coaching staff.

Historic bronze for India jr men: The Indian men's junior artistic gymnastics team scripted history by winning a bronze medal in the team event at the 2026 Asian Championships in Zunyi, China, on Friday, registering their best-ever finish in the competition. reports **Arnab Seal**. The team comprising Harschit Damodaran, Nishad Narvane, Nabigh Ali, Akshat Bajaj and Mohd Zaid Ansari clinched the bronze with a score of 224.493.

Ashmita storms into semis: Indian shuttler Ashmita Chaliha continued her impressive comeback from injury, defeating Korea's Kim Min Sun to enter the women's singles semifinals, but compatriot Anmol Kharb bowed out after a quarterfinal defeat at the Macau Open Super 300 tournament on Friday. The 26-year-old from Assam took 37 minutes to see off world No.99 Kim 21-16, 21-18. In the other match Anmol went down 21-14, 15-21, 13-21 to fourth seed Han Qian Xi.

Aus clinch series: Matt Renshaw hit a career-best 89 n.o as Australia defeated Bangladesh by seven runs in the second T20I in Chattogram, Bangladesh on Friday to take an unassailable 2-0 lead in the series. Renshaw steered Australia to 196/5. In reply, Bangladesh was restricted to 189/6. **Brief scores: Australia: 196/5 in 20 overs** (Matt Renshaw 89n.o, Tim David 45; Nasum Ahmed 2-27) **bt Bangladesh: 189/6 in 20 overs** (Tanzid Hasan 30, Saif Hassan 42, Parvez Hossain Emon 36, Towhid Hridoy 35; Aaron Hardie 2-40).

NZ seize control: New Zealand took complete command of the second Test against England as Henry Nicholls struck a century in a big partnership with Rachin Ravindra to stretch their lead to 352 on day three at the Oval on Friday. Having dismissed England for 291 just before lunch for a first-innings lead of 100, New Zealand lost openers Tom Latham and Devon Conway cheaply but then turned the screws to reach 252/3 at close. **Brief scores: New Zealand: 391 & 252/3 in 56 overs** (Henry Nicholls 119 batting, Rachin Ravindra 76, Daryl Mitchell 32 batting) **vs England: 291 all out (o/n 222/6) in 84 overs** (Jordan Cox 27, Matthew Fisher 50n.o; Matt Henry 5-80, Will O'Rourke 2-68).

Prachi stuns Shih: India delivered a commanding performance at the World Boxing Cup 2026 (Stage 2), with Prachi leading the charge as the country confirmed six medals following a strong showing in the quarterfinals in Guiyang, China on Friday. Prachi (57kg) produced the standout performance of the day, defeating Paris Olympics bronze medallist Shih Yi Wu of Chinese Taipei in a 4-1 verdict to secure her place in the semifinals.

Double delight for Beagles: Beagles Basketball Club enjoyed an all-win outing in the State Youth U-16 basketball championship in Bengaluru on Friday. While the Beagles boys clinched a massive 95-8 win over Appaiah BC, the girls handed Bharath SU a 41-14 defeat. **Results: Boys:** PPC 60 (Jitesh 15) bt Pattabhiram SC 34 HT 42-12; MNK Rao Park BC 67 (Ujwal 17, Kishore 12) bt Yelahanka New Town BC 48 (Chathura 17) HT 34-20; MCHS 61 (Nishan 11) bt Halasur SU 11 HT 40-6; Beagles BC 95 (Asher 20) bt Appaiah BC 8 HT 54-5; HBR BC 57 (James 19) bt Bangalore Vanguards 33 (Sushil 13) HT 19-18; Hebbal BC 46 (Yugha 23) bt Lakshyan BC 32 HT 21-12; Vimanapura SC 53 (Shreyash 20) bt Netakallappa BC 36 (Dhanush 16) HT 28-14; Bangalore Sporting 58 (Vihan 21, Sai Kiran 17) bt Hoskote BC 35 (Aniesh 19) HT 27-22; S Blues 79 (Shlok 17, Shri Vardhan 14) bt Young Bulls 20 (Dhanush 7) HT 51-4; Young Orion's SC 40 bt BCYA 21 HT 23-15; IBBC 51 (Tarun 18) bt YMMA 23 (Avyam J 12) HT 34-12. **Girls:** PPC 46 (Shivani 13) bt YMMA 18 (Shreya 11) HT 21-13; MNK Rao Park BC 34 bt VNSC 4 HT 16-2; Mounts Club 79 (Devishi 18, Myrah 16) bt Halasur SU 23 (Deeksha 19) HT 40-16; Vivek's SC 46 (Manasvi 24, Akshitha 16) bt Bangalore Sporting 41 (Pavithra 15) HT 23-17; MCHS 41 (Livdeep 13, Tanishka 12) bt HBR BC 30 (Diya Pradeep 12) HT 13-20; DYES, Vidyanagar 40 (Vibha 20) bt IBBC 31 (Saanvi 15) HT 18-8; Beagles BC 41 (Aadya 12, Netra 11) bt Bharath SU 14 HT 26-10; Mysore District A 46 bt Hoop-7 BC 23 (Dhanyashree 12) HT 26-5; Appaiah BC 45 (Hiranmayi 13) bt Rajmahal BC 27 (Sanvi 11) HT 23-10; Bangalore Vanguards 25 bt Hebbal BC 8 HT 14-2; AVBC 30 bt Koramangala SC 9 HT 21-2; Young Orion's SC 26 bt DRDO 7 HT 20-3.

Haven't made a mark yet

Akshay Bhatia

Time flies fast. We are already at the halfway point of 2026 and heading into the third Major of the year. The 2021 US Open was my very first taste of Major championship golf, so this tournament will always hold an incredibly special place in my heart. While I have been a constant presence in all the Majors since 2024, I haven't yet made the significant mark I know I am capable of. Changing that is my primary goal this week.

No matter how many PGA Tour events you play, this championship feels different. The atmosphere, the course set-up and challenge all remind you that every shot matters.

Coming to Shinnecock Hills, I feel like a different player than I was a couple of years ago. Winning the Arnold Palmer Invitational this season gave me a lot of confidence and reinforced the belief that I belong among the best. (AKSHAY BHATIA IS A BRAND AMBASSADOR OF HERO MOTOCORP AND IS PLAYING AT THE US OPEN)

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Neeraj finishes fourth on comeback

Javelin throw star Neeraj Chopra opened his season with a modest effort of 85.69m, finishing fourth in the Doha Diamond League on Friday. The effort was enough for him to meet the Commonwealth Games qualification mark of 82.61m set by the AFI. Sri Lanka's Rumesh Pathirage won gold (88.68m) and was followed by Grenada's Anderson Peters (86.38m) and Curtis Thompson of USA (85.99m). TNN

Mannat surges to maiden pro title

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Syed Asif

ALL SMILES: Mannat Brar

Bengaluru: Mannat Brar won her maiden professional title at the eighth leg of the Hero Women's Pro Golf Tour at Bangalore Golf Club here on Friday. The 19-year-old produced a stunning final round of 7-under 61, the best round of her professional career, to surge from tied seventh place to the top and finished at 8-under for the tournament.

Having opened with rounds of 67 and 68 at the par-68 course, Mannat delivered a near-flawless finish under pressure to announce herself on the domestic professional circuit.

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The victory came in her debut season after an impressive amateur career. Mysuru's Vidhatri Urs mounted a spirited challenge with an impressive five-under 63, highlighted by an eagle, to finish just one shot behind at seven-under overall.

Vidhatri, who started the day tied fifth, birdied three holes between the 14th and 17th to close within a stroke of Mannat. Needing another birdie on the last to force a playoff, she could manage only a par.

Overnight leader and amateur Zara Anand slipped to third at five-under after closing at 69. Bengaluru's Jasmine Shekar finished fourth with a 65, while Lavanya Jadon and Anvvi Dahhiya shared fifth place.

Final scores (after 54 holes): 196: Mannat Brar (67, 68, 61); **197:** Vidhatri Urs (69, 65, 63); **199:** Zara Anand (64, 66, 69); **200:** Jasmine Shekar (68, 67, 65); **201:** Anvvi Dahhiya (66, 68, 67), Lavanya Jadon (64, 68, 69); **202:** Smriti Bhargav (65, 68, 69); **204:** Nayanika Sanga (68, 70, 66), Ridhima Dilawari (69, 67, 68); **205:** Yaalisai Verma (71, 69, 65), Keerthana Rajeev (70, 68, 67), Durga Nittur (65, 68, 72).

Ishan, an ODI star in making

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RED-HOT FORM: India's Ishan Kishan

Chennai: Ishan Kishan has added another chapter to his incredible comeback story. Having put on a phenomenal show at the T20 World Cup earlier this year, after forcing his way back into India's T20I plans, the Jharkhand wicket-keeper-batter is now making himself impossible to ignore in the ODI format too.

Ishan, playing ODIs after nearly three years, first chipped in with 34 runs at No. 3 in the series opener against Afghanistan. In the second ODI, at No. 4, he went

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several steps further, producing a superb 125 off 79 balls to make a compelling case in a series where India are experimenting with batting roles.

With the hosts heading into the third and final ODI at the MA Chidambaram Stadium here on Saturday, having already wrapped up the series 2-0, the dead rubber serves as the perfect canvas for Ishan, who replaced the injured Virat Kohli, to cement his stakes.

During his knock in the previous game, the 27-year-old showed glimpses of how he evolved as a 50-over batter. His tactical maturity was on full display as he began cautiously before gradually shifting gears and carefully picking his moments against the Afghan spinners.

But his resurgence presents a 'problem of plenty' for the team management, who are yet to name the squad for the England ODIs. With Kohli expected to reclaim his customary No. 3 spot and KL Rahul remaining India's preferred wicket-keeper-batter in the first-choice XI, opportunities appear limited on paper.

But, according to India assistant coach Ryan ten Doeschate, Ishan ticks a lot of boxes and is someone the team values for his versatility. Ishan provides left-handed balance in a predominantly right-handed batting unit, can keep wickets, and remains a proven opening option.

"I think with Ishan, the only concern was 'could he transform himself from a T20 specialist into a 50-over player, and potentially even a red-ball player?' I think he has shown that. By nature, he's very aggressive and we still feel that he has space for that in this team. You do have some solid batters around him if you include Virat and Shubman (Gill). And we feel that the template for this format is to have guys who still go after it," the coach said on the eve of the match.

HARSHIT IN SQUAD, BUT UNLIKELY TO PLAY

Meanwhile, ten Doeschate also revealed that Nitish Kumar Reddy could return to the side after missing the previous ODI, while Arshdeep Singh is set to be rested. Fast bowler Harshit Rana, who was added to India's squad for the third ODI after recovering from the knee injury that had sidelined him since Feb, is unlikely to feature.

Tanishi, Thanya raise the bar

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GOLDEN GIRLS: Tanishi Gupta (left) and Thanya Shadakshari

Bengaluru: Two teenagers from Karnataka took the centre stage at the Senior National Aquatics Championships in Ahmedabad on Friday. On Day 3 of the competition, 16-year-old Tanishi Gupta and 17-year-old Thanya Shadakshari recorded the best Indian times.

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In the100m butterfly, Tanishi, a product of Dolphin Aquatics, clocked 1:01.97 seconds in the morning heats and then clocked the best Indian time of 1:00.07s in the final. Tanishi, who has also trained in the US, bagged gold in a start-to-finish domination. She also collected silver in the 100m backstroke. The Mysuru-born Thanya dominated the 400m medley and bettered an eight-year-old mark.

She touched the pad in 4:56.78s, shaving more than two seconds off the previous record of 4:59.17s set by Richa Mishra in 2018. She was the only swimmer to go sub-five minutes in the event. Among men, Aneesh Gowda won the lone medal on the day.

Results (Karnataka only): Women: 100m butterfly: 1. Tanishi Gupta (1:00.07 NMR; OR: 1:01.97); **100m backstroke:** 2. Tanishi (1:05.19), 3. Nina Venkatesh (1:05.61); **400m individual medley:** 1. Thanya Shadakshari (4:56.78 NMR; OR: 4:59.17); **100m breaststroke:** 2. S Lakshya (1:14.26); **Men: 200m freestyle:** 1. Aneesh Gowda (1:50.65); 2. Dharshan S (1:51.85); **Mixed 4x100m medley relay:** 2. Karnataka (4:02.01; Surya Jhoyappa, Akash Mani, Dhinidhi Desinghu, Naisha Shetty).

New teams, fresh faces in focus

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STAR PLAYER: Manish Pandey

Bengaluru: New teams, emerging talent and revamped playing conditions will take centre stage as the Maharaja Trophy T20 tournament gets underway in Mysuru on Saturday. The three-week competition, to be held across three cities,

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promises to showcase some of Karnataka's finest cricketing talent.

Defending champions Gulbarga Mystics will open their campaign against Bengaluru Blasters in the afternoon fixture on the opening day, which will also feature a felicitation ceremony and the tournament's official inauguration. Later, under lights, Shivamogga Yodhas will take on home team Mysore Warriors. Led by seasoned campaigner Manish Pandey, Gulbarga will aim to begin their title defence on a winning note against a Bengaluru side captained by Shubhang Hegde. Apart from Pandey, Gulbarga boast a formidable batting line-up featuring big-hitter Macneil Noronha, Lochan Gowda, Dhruv Prabhakar, BR Sharath and Thippa Reddy.

Bengaluru, meanwhile, have prioritised consistent performers from the league over established reputations and will be eager to see their faith rewarded.

After six days of action in Mysuru, the tournament will take a one-day break before shifting base to Hubballi on June 27. The final league of the tournament will begin on July 5 at the M Chinnaswamy Stadium, with the final slated for July 12.

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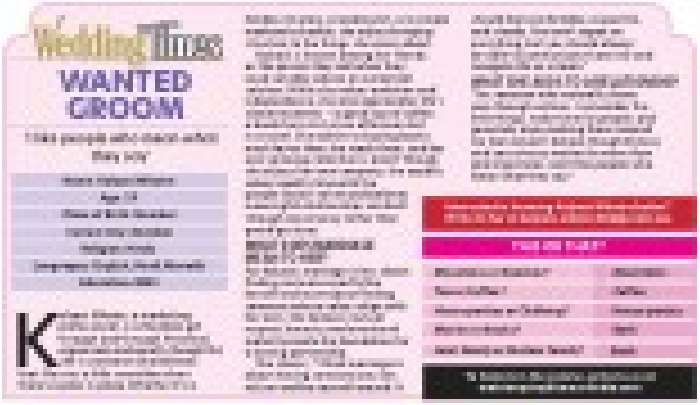

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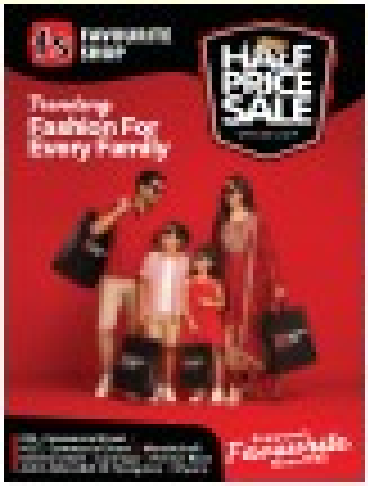

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Israel and Hezbollah agree to truce after fighting kills 50+

Will Exact Heavy Price From Hezbollah For Attacks, Says Netanyahu

AFP

The site of an Israeli attack that destroyed houses and carpentry shops in the village of Al-Qlailah in the Tyre district in southern Lebanon on Friday

AP

Displaced people fleeing Israeli strikes in southern Lebanon sit in traffic on a highway leading to Beirut, in the southern port city of Sidon

Jerusalem: Israel and the Hezbollah militant group agreed Friday to stop attacking each other, officials said, after talks between the US and Iran were called off because of intense fighting in southern Lebanon that deepened doubts about the initial agreement to end the war in Iran. The apparent truce emerged after a heavy exchange of fire killed at least 47 people in southern Lebanon and four Israeli soldiers.

Word of the attempt to halt the fighting came from two regional officials and a US official. It was mediated by Qatar, the US and Iran, the regional officials said. A Hezbollah official said an agreement to stop fighting could be announced soon, but he stopped short of confirming it was in place.

Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu's office did not immediately comment. However, late Friday afternoon Netanyahu wrote on X that on his orders, the army had "struck powerfully" 150 Hezbollah targets, killing dozens of militants. Military spokesperson Brig. General Effie Defrin said the military has not received different instructions from govt. He said Israeli forces were operating in a "forward defence zone" and will continue doing so.

Hours after officials told journalists about the truce, Israeli artillery fire could still be heard from northern Israel along the Lebanese border, and a large explosion was seen erupting inside Lebanon.

Hezbollah and Israel had decreased their attacks after Iran and the US reached a deal to stop the war on "all fronts", including Lebanon.

The conflict between Israel and the Iran-backed militant group is the most precarious part of the Iran deal. Neither Israel nor the militant group signed the agreement, but it is supposed to end their fighting. And Iran has signalled its willingness to risk renewed war in the region for the sake of its interests in Lebanon and its most important regional ally.

The Israeli military said four soldiers, including a lieutenant colonel, were killed in an attack on a tank in a village near the southern Lebanese city of Nabatiyeh. An explosive drone attack wounded another five, it added. Israel then launched multiple strikes against "Hezbollah infrastructure sites", said the military, which accused the militant group of "blatant ceasefire violations".

"Israel will not tolerate attacks on our soldiers or on our territory, and it will exact a very heavy price from Hezbollah for these attacks," Netanyahu said in a statement. Hezbollah said its attacks were in response to what it called Israel's own violation of the ceasefire.

In southern Lebanon, many were forced to flee their villages. "The situation is lawless, we couldn't stay," said Mustafa Zain, who was with his six daughters in a pickup truck.

Israel's occupation of large swaths of southern Lebanon is also a sticking point. Iran insists Israel must withdraw, but Netanyahu has said that forces would remain in a "security zone" of southern Lebanon as long as "Israel's security needs require it". AP

Will waive fees for Hormuz during negotiations: Iran

Dubai: Iran's Strait of Hormuz body said on Friday it would waive planned fees to use the strait during a 60-day negotiation period under the memorandum of understanding signed with the United States this week. Ships seeking passage through the strait while the interim agreement is in force must submit transit requests at least 48 hours before arrival, Iran's Persian Gulf Strait Authority said in a notice. Iran would waive fees for security, safety, environmental services and related insurance during the period, while requiring vessels to coordinate routes and transit times in advance due to areas affected by mines and to ensure safe navigation. REUTERS

Iran mediators to hold talks in Egypt on Sunday

Cairo: Mediators in the US-Iran conflict, including Pakistan, Saudi Arabia and Turkiye, are due to gather for talks in Egypt Sunday, Cairo and Islamabad said. Pakistan's foreign ministry said Friday that the four-way meeting would bring together the foreign ministers of Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Turkiye and Egypt to "discuss regional developments and exchange views on issues related to peace, security and stability".

Egypt's foreign ministry late Thursday said the meeting would be followed by expanded talks and a joint news conference. The four foreign ministers last met in April in Turkiye. AFP

From Trump whisperer to Trump basher: Meloni takes on US prez

Chidanand Rajghatta | TNN

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Trump's claim of Meloni begging him to take a selfie with her at the G7 summit has left the Italian PM fuming. In a video, the Italian PM said, 'Neither I nor Italy ever beg'

Washington: In the high-stakes theatre of global diplomacy, world leaders are accustomed to dealing with classified cables, complicated negotiations, and delicate treaties. What they are generally unprepared for is a US president who treats international summits like an episode of "The Apprentice".

The latest geopolitical casualty of Donald Trump's bare-knuckle approach to bilateral ties is Italian PM Giorgia Meloni, once a staunch European ally and the only major EU leader to attend his 2025 inauguration. Turns out that bellesima is fuming after the MAGA boss claimed in an interview to Italian media that she had begged him to take a selfie with her at the recent G7 summit and he had obliged because he felt sorry for her.

Meloni's response was blunt and brutal. In a video she released on social media, she called Trump's claim fabricated and said, "There is one thing he should remember: neither I nor Italy ever beg." The Italian govt closed ranks, with foreign minister Antonio Tajani cancelling his trip to Miami, calling the president's boast "serious and offensive". "Donald Trump's statements are completely made up, I'm frankly appalled. I don't know why the president of the US behaves this way with his own allies; after all, it's not the first time it's happened. I can only say it's a shame that he doesn't show the same determination with the enemies of the West, with the enemies of the US, with leaderships toward which he instead proves much more accommodating," Meloni said.

Indeed, diplomatic chroniclers say fabricating quotes and anecdotes about foreign counterparts has become something of a signature presidential hobby. Meloni is just merely the latest entry in an illustrative ledger of global leaders who have found themselves caught in Trump's narrative spin-cycle. France's Emmanuel Macron has been at the receiving end of US presidential embellishment, including jibes on Macron's purported marital discord; Germany's Friedrich Merz has been told to focus on "fixing his broken country" before criticising Washington's West Asia policy; and Spain's Pedro Sanchez was told the US could simply use the country's bases without informing Madrid. Trump also embarrassed Japanese PM Sanae Takaichi by invoking Pearl Harbour to illustrate his idea of surprise attacks. Even Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman once became part of a memorable Trump rally performance in which the president claimed foreign leaders were effectively "kissing my a**" in pursuit of favourable treatment.

But perhaps Trump's most legendary creative exercise involves India and Pakistan, where he claims his personal intervention by threatening both nations with a 200% tariff averted a catastrophic nuclear war. The real comedy, however, lay in his arithmetic, where his memory of the aerial dogfight between the two sides underwent a massive inflationary spike over months, going up in July 2025 from five jets shot down to seven in Aug, eight in Nov, to 11 by Feb 2026.

While India's PM Modi chose a strategy of stone-faced silence regarding this fictional air war and imminent nuclear conflagration, govt spokespersons timidly contested the timeline, gently reminding reporters that the math did not match any known radar data on Earth.

Trump has developed a unique diplomatic style in which allies, rivals, generals, journalists, central bankers, and occasionally inanimate objects are said to approach him with tears in their eyes, and to address him as "sir" while seeking favours. Once you have been inserted into a Trump anecdote involving tears, admiration, begging, or a selfie request that may or may not have occurred, diplomatic recovery becomes considerably more difficult. As Meloni is now discovering, escaping a Trump story is much harder than appearing in one.

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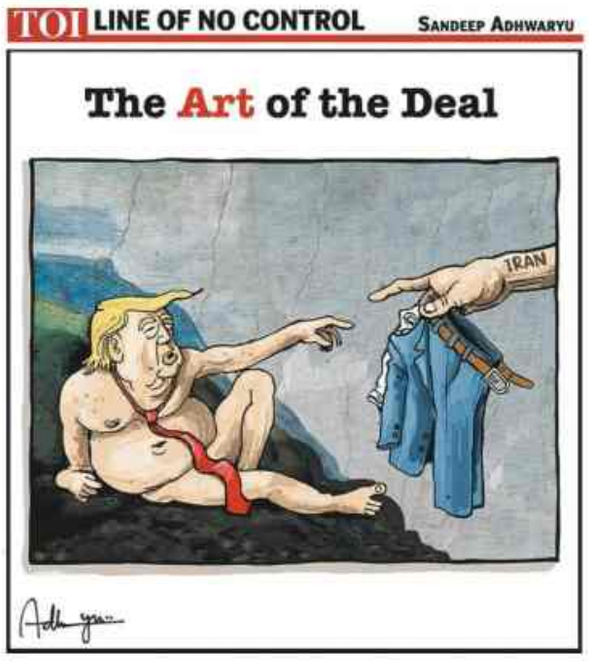

Republican loyalists too starting to revolt over peace deal with Iran

Chidanand Rajghatta | TNN

Under fire over what critics are calling a sellout deal with Iran, a harried President Trump Friday rejected the notion that he had folded before Tehran and would hand it a financial windfall, asserting, "We didn't meet out of desperation, Iran did. They are FINISHED! We'll play out the 60 days. They get no money, not ten cents!" The preliminary deal, remotely signed by Trump at Versailles after attending the G7 summit, was intended to launch a 60-day sprint towards a comprehensive peace. Instead, it has triggered a domestic political firestorm.

While the Trump administration insists the MoU is a masterstroke far superior to Barack Obama's 2015 Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, policy wonks are contesting the claim, asserting that while Obama's deal was a heavily detailed, multi-hundred-page technical binder, Trump's sketchy one-and-a-half-page version essentially gives away the store to Tehran in exchange for a handshake. Capitol Hill lawmakers — including many Republican loyalists who usually treat Trump's words as gospel — are starting to revolt.

Republican Senator Bill Cassidy is among those who broke ranks in a scathing critique, calling the deal the "worst foreign policy blunder in decades". Late-night comedians and social media trolls are having a field day comparing the deal to "winning the war and losing the receipt". While much of the mockery is partisan, the more serious problem for the White House is that criticism is no longer confined to Democrats.

Reuters

US VP JD Vance

Trump himself has compounded the awkward optics with a series of statements that have horrified pro-Israel elements in the US, including backing Iran's right to retain "some" ballistic missile capability and downplaying the importance of Iran's enriched uranium stockpile. The US president is also implicitly acknowledging Iran's right to have a civilian nuclear programme — a departure from his earlier pledge that the US "will not allow any enrichment of uranium" — while remaining firm that it will never be allowed to have a nuclear weapon.

Meanwhile, the postponement of Vance's Swiss trip has upended the regional pecking order of mediators, with Pakistan, which had positioned itself as the primary diplomatic broker and proudly hosted face-to-face talks in April, suddenly finding itself left in the lurch. Officials in Islamabad were eagerly hoping to play the ultimate geopolitical bridesmaid, walking the US and Iran down the aisle to secure a massive international victory. Instead, Qatar's sudden emergence as the preferred, deep-pocketed mediator has left Pakistan standing awkwardly, resembling a wedding guest who has discovered the ceremony has moved to another venue.

The deal's real casualty, however, is the internal peace of the MAGA coalition itself. In a fiery press briefing, Vance took off the diplomatic gloves and lashed out at Jerusalem, telling Israeli officials they need to "wake up and smell the reality of the situation" while bluntly reminding the Israeli cabinet that two-thirds of their defensive weapons are paid for by American taxpayers. "If I was in the cabinet of the Israeli govt, I might not be attacking the only powerful ally that I have left anywhere in the entire world," he snapped.

The public smackdown highlights a sudden collapse in ties between the MAGA White House and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. Staring down an upcoming election, the Israeli PM has refused to pull IDF troops out of southern Lebanon, effectively repudiating Trump's ceasefire. This unprecedented rift leaves US-Israel relations in uncharted, hostile territory.

Af says its forces hit militant hideouts in Pak

Kabul/Karachi: Afghanistan said Friday it had launched airstrikes on hideouts of Islamist militants in two Pakistani provinces, an assertion swiftly rejected by Islamabad, months after the neighbours engaged in their worst conflict in years. The Taliban govt's defence ministry said in an X post that hideouts in Pakistan's Balochistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa provinces, both of which share a border with Afghanistan, had been targeted by the Afghan air force on Thursday night.

It did not specify how the attack was carried out. Pakistan's information ministry denied the Taliban assertion, saying a "rudimentary drone" from Afghanistan had entered Pakistani airspace but was immediately shot down. "Terrorist camps... are factually located, run and patronised from inside the territories under the control of the Afghan Taliban regime," it said on X. REUTERS

Starmer vows to fight on after leading rival wins in byelection

Naomi Canton

Keir Starmer and Andy Burnham

London: Former mayor of Greater Manchester Andy Burnham won a thumping victory in the Makerfield byelection on Thursday night, paving the way for a leadership challenge in Labour and putting him much closer to the keys to 10 Downing Street.

Burnham, who stood for Labour, got 55% of the vote with 24,927 votes, winning 9,231 votes more than Reform UK's Rob Kenyon, who won 35% of the vote. Burnham's return to Westminster means he can now challenge Keir Starmer as the leader of Labour party — and become the PM — though no formal challenge has been issued yet.

Cabinet ministers are understood to be trying to persuade Starmer to step down and allow an orderly transition for his successor without a protracted leadership contest. One hundred Labour MPs have publicly called for Starmer to resign or announce a timetable for his departure.

But Starmer remained defiant on Friday. "There isn't a leadership contest at the moment. I don't think that's a good thing for the country to plunge us into chaos..." he said, adding Labour should instead focus on winning the Manchester mayoral contest. "If there is a leadership contest, yes I will run," he said. Starmer has been "crystal clear for some time now" that he intends to fight any challenge to his leadership, No. 10 told **TOI** on Friday.

As the results were read out, Burnham stood between a man dressed as a fox and Count Binface wearing a bin on his head — a long-standing tradition of joke candidates standing in British elections.

In his victory speech, Burnham said Labour's win in Makerfield "could be the turning point", telling Labour party "this is a final chance to change". "There won't be a second chance," he said. The Conservatives had something to celebrate, too, as they seized South Aberdeen from SNP in another byelection, winning the seat with an increased majority of 6,050 — the party's first byelection victory in Scotland in 53 years. The Conservatives campaigned heavily on support for North Sea oil and gas drilling, a hot issue in Aberdeen.

300 evacuated as fire breaks out at a Tokyo school

Tokyo: A fire broke out at an elementary school in downtown Tokyo Friday, but all of about 300 students and teachers were evacuated or rescued, officials said. They said several people were injured while fleeing, mostly from inhaling smoke, and that the exact number of injured is being finalised. The Tokyo fire department said the fire at the Takinogawa No. 3 Elementary School broke out near a music room on the top floor of the four-story building late morning Friday.

Firefighters rescued one teacher and three schoolchildren out of the building with non-life-threatening injuries, the department said.

Television footage showed black smoke billowing out of windows on the fourth floor. Dozens of fire engines were deployed. The fire was extinguished later in the afternoon. AP

Norway imposes near ban on AI in elementary school

Oslo: Norway is imposing a near ban on the use of generative AI tools by elementary school pupils while also restricting their use in the education of older children to prevent a negative impact on learning, the country's PM said Friday.

Facing a broad decline in education test scores, the govt in 2024 banned smartphones from schools and has given teachers back more power to enforce discipline in the classroom. Using AI increases the risk that young children skip important steps in their education, PM Jonas Gahr Stoere told a press briefing Friday.

"The most important thing in school is that our children learn to read, write and do mathematics," Stoere said, adding that the new standards will be imposed from the new school year beginning in late Aug. Govt also said it will propose legislation to fund the use of more books in classrooms. REUTERS

DAILY PLANET

AFP

A photo released on Friday by the Spanish Royal Palace shows Princess Leonor with her father King Felipe VI, each flying a Pilatus PC-21 during a military training flight in San Javier near Murcia

French curator unearths rare Mozart manuscript

Musicians this weekend will for the first time publicly interpret music for flute and harp that Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart wrote as a 22-year-old while teaching an aristocratic French student. The unprecedented concert on Sunday at France's National Library comes after what it has called a "major discovery". Francois-Pierre Goy, a curator in the library's music department, stumbled across the treasure as he examined a pile of anonymous manuscripts he wanted to get through before retirement. The 44-page notebook includes a dozen daily exercises the Austrian prodigy gave Marie-Louise-Philippine de Bonnieres de Guines from May to July 1778, as well as seven pieces for flute and harp, he said. She was an excellent harpist and the daughter of the Duke of Guines, a renowned flutist. The manuscript "is part of two bundles of music that were confiscated from the home of the Duke of Guines in 1794" during the French Revolution. Mozart died in 1791 aged 35.

220 years on, Greece's Parthenon gets a facelift

Visitors to the Acropolis can now see the Parthenon's western side looking whole for the first time in about 220 years. Officially unveiled Thursday, restorers have slotted two new marble blocks into long-empty gaps high on the temple's western end — the view visitors see when they first enter the ancient monument in Athens. The 25-century-old monument overlooking Greece attracted about 4.6 million visitors last year. Minister Lina Mendoni described the sight as "truly stunning". The two new stones, she said, do more than fill a gap. "They allow the unique proportions and the geometric perfection of the Parthenon's western face to be seen once again. The project was funded through an EU programme.

'Last ride': US says goodbye to Air Force One as Qatari jet awaits

Washington: Is it goodbye Air Force One, hello Qatar Force One? White House officials bade farewell Thursday to one of the two jets that have been used to transport US presidents for more than 30 years. The goodbye messages fuelled speculation that a Boeing 747 controversially gifted to President Trump by the Gulf emirate of Qatar is now due to enter service.

"Well done, good and faithful servant. 'The Last Ride'," Trump's communications director Steven Cheung said on X with a picture of the iconic white and blue jet after returning from the G7 summit in France.

US chief of protocol Monica Crowley also posted a photograph of the same plane on the tarmac at Joint Base Andrews near Washington. "I was honoured to be aboard Air Force One last night on its final flight," Crowley said on X.

The aging aircraft is one of two heavily modified 747s — VC-25As in military parlance — that entered service in 1990 and are designated Air Force One when the president is aboard. White House did not immediately respond to a request for comment. But Trump is reportedly considering taking the new Qatari jet on its inaugural flight when he travels to Mount Rushmore next month as part of celebrations for America's 250th anniversary. The US Air Force said in May the Qatari jet had completed flight testing and would soon be ready for action, adding it was "on schedule to roll out in a new red, white and blue livery this summer".

Reuters

A June 15 photo of Air Force One upon landing at Geneva Airport

On Thursday, the US Air Force said the Qatari plane, known as the VC-25B Bridge aircraft, "will soon join the active executive airlift fleet alongside the VC-25A and C-32". The C-32, dubbed "Baby Air Force One", is a version of the smaller 757 used for shorter runways.

Qatar's gift of the jet, valued in the hundreds of millions of dollars, has raised major ethical and constitutional issues about what kind of gifts a president should receive. It has also raised security concerns about using an aircraft donated by a foreign power as the ultra-sensitive presidential plane. The jets that serve as Air Force One are reported to have sophisticated countermeasures that can jam enemy radars and infrared tracking systems, plus dispensers for chaff — metal shavings that distract radar-guided missiles — and flares that blind heat-seeking missiles.

But Trump has been obsessed with replacing Air Force One since his first presidential term, even keeping a model of the jet in its new colour scheme on his coffee table in the Oval Office. Trump said last year it would be "stupid" not to accept the gift, which the Pentagon formally acquired last year, and complained about the state of the current veteran planes. He has said the Qatari plane will eventually be donated to his future presidential library as an exhibit. AFP

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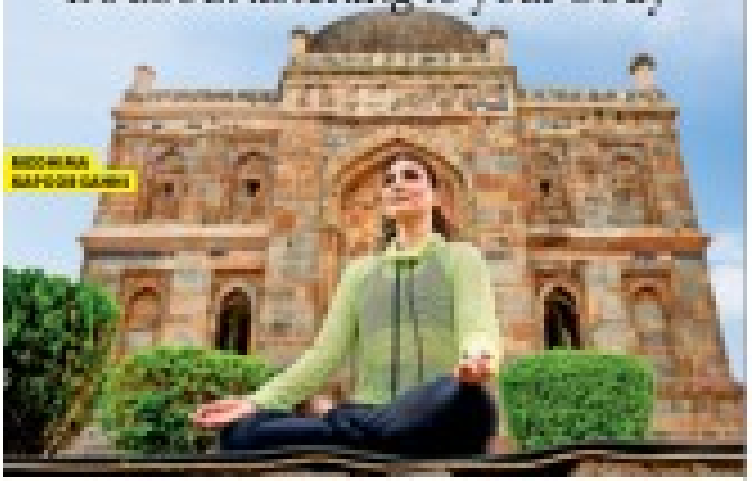

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Raising awareness about Excessive Daytime Sleepiness (EDS) to maximize true potential

The Serious Consequences of Excessive Daytime Sleepiness

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Excessive Daytime Sleepiness (EDS) is more than just feeling tired. It is a condition that can severely affect a person's health, safety, and quality of life. People with EDS often struggle with poor concentration, reduced memory, and slower decision-making, which can frequently impact academic and work performance. Persistent sleepiness also leads to decreased productivity, making it difficult to maintain consistent performance throughout the day. EDS significantly increases the risk of accidents, especially while driving or operating machinery, as drowsiness impairs reaction time and judgment. It can also affect emotional well-being, leading to irritability, mood changes, anxiety, and depression. Social relationships may suffer as fatigue reduces participation in daily and social activities. In many cases, EDS is linked to underlying disorders such as sleep apnea or narcolepsy, which may cause serious health complications if untreated. Recognizing EDS early and seeking proper treatment is crucial. Timely management can improve alertness, restore daily functioning, and greatly enhance overall well-being and quality of life.

Daytime Drowsiness in Neurological Conditions: Often Overlooked

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Daytime drowsiness is frequently underestimated in neurology because many symptoms of neurological disorders can significantly affect quality of life, safety, and daily functioning. Research shows that excessive daytime sleepiness can significantly affect quality of life, safety, and daytime function in patients with neurological disorders.

In Parkinson's disease, recent studies have highlighted excessive daytime sleepiness as a common non-motor symptom linked to brain network changes and overlap with cognitive decline, sleep problems, and hypersomnolence are common and can complicate treatment, rehabilitation and caregiver stress. People with epilepsy and multiple sclerosis also report drowsiness, though it may be confused with fatigue unless clinicians ask the right questions.

The research stressed example, many patients assume they are just "too tired" or "getting old," so they don't report it. Doctors, however, recommend looking at sleep patterns, medications, mood symptoms and periodic sleep apnea before calling it as fatigue or depression. If sleepiness persists despite enough sleep, or if it appears with neurological symptoms, a check for sleep and evaluation. Recognizing drowsiness early may improve both safety and treatment planning.

Hypersomnia Explained: Different Types of Excessive Sleepiness and What They Mean

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Hypersomnia means feeling too much sleepiness during the day, or sleeping much longer than it should be. It is not just about being tired; it's a medical condition where the brain struggles to control when to sleep and stay awake. Hypersomnia can affect anyone, but it's more common in young adults. Doctors know it's a serious problem when it starts to interfere with daily life, work, or safety. Hypersomnia can be caused by other health conditions, like sleep apnea, depression, or neurological disorders. Taking these underlying issues into account is key to finding the right treatment. Hypersomnia can be managed with the right support and treatment. Lifestyle changes, like sticking to a regular sleep schedule and avoiding caffeine and alcohol, can help. Medications may also be prescribed to help control symptoms. Support from family, friends, and healthcare professionals can make a big difference in managing the condition and improving quality of life.

The Daily Struggle: Navigating Life with Excessive Daytime Sleepiness

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Excessive Daytime Sleepiness (EDS) is far more than a simple feeling of tiredness. It is a persistent medical condition that can severely disrupt every aspect of a person's life, making even the most basic daily tasks feel overwhelming. Unlike normal sleepiness, which can be resolved with a good night's rest, EDS is a chronic struggle that can leave individuals feeling constantly exhausted, no matter how much they sleep. This condition can affect anyone, but it is often misunderstood, leading to frustration and isolation for those who live with it.

Recognizing the EDS is a crucial first step toward finding a solution. If you or someone you know is experiencing these symptoms, it's important to consult a healthcare professional. They can help determine the cause of the sleepiness and develop a personalized treatment plan. With the right support and management strategies, it is possible to regain control and improve the quality of life.

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Excessive Sleepiness and Brain Health: What You Should Know

Excessive daytime sleepiness is more than tiredness. New evidence suggests it may be a red flag for brain health, especially as older adults. A 2024 meta-analysis of 21 studies involving 45,000 participants found that excessive daytime sleepiness was linked to a higher risk of cognitive decline and all-cause dementia.

Sleepiness can be an early sign of emerging brain disease, because the systems that are responsible for good brain function may start to [illegible] before symptoms of memory loss or confusion appear. This does not mean every sleepy person is developing dementia, but it does mean persistent drowsiness should not be ignored.

Chronic sleep disruption can cause and worsen not only cognitive decline but also mood disorders, including depression and anxiety. Poor sleep can affect the brain's ability to clear waste products, including proteins linked to Alzheimer's disease, during deep sleep. Sleep disruption can also damage brain cells directly through inflammation and oxidative stress.

Persistent daytime sleepiness can be a symptom of sleep disorders like obstructive sleep apnea, which is common and often undiagnosed. Treating sleep apnea can improve memory, attention, and mood, and may even reduce the risk of dementia. Lifestyle factors like poor diet, lack of exercise, and excessive screen time before bed can also contribute to both poor sleep and cognitive problems.

If you are experiencing excessive sleepiness, it is important to see a doctor. Treatments can help improve sleep quality and may support brain health over time. Addressing sleep health is a key step in maintaining overall well-being as you age.

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Health risks of untreated excessive daytime sleepiness

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Untreated Excessive Daytime Sleepiness (EDS) is more than simply feeling tired. It can severely affect your daily life, work performance, and long-term health. EDS reduces alertness, slows reaction time, and impairs judgment, significantly increasing the risk of road accidents and workplace accidents. Individuals with persistent sleepiness may also struggle to maintain focus and productivity, leading to poor concentration, memory problems, and difficulty processing information effectively.

Beyond immediate safety concerns, untreated EDS is linked to serious health complications. Chronic daytime sleepiness is associated with a higher risk of cardiovascular diseases such as hypertension, stroke, and coronary heart disease. It is also commonly linked with obesity, diabetes, and metabolic disturbances. Other underlying health conditions like sleep disorders like obstructive sleep apnea (OSA) can also negatively affect mental health, contributing to anxiety, depression, and emotional instability. Because untreated sleep disorders can have long-term consequences, persistent daytime sleepiness should not be ignored. Early medical evaluation and treatment are essential to identify the underlying cause, improve daytime alertness, and prevent long-term complications.

How Sleepiness Can Worsen Mood and Motivation

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Excessive daytime sleepiness can seriously affect mood, motivation, and emotional well-being. When a person is constantly tired, it becomes harder to stay positive, engage in activities they enjoy, or feel motivated to work toward goals. Persistent sleepiness can also make it difficult to manage stress, control emotions, and maintain healthy relationships. Over time, this can lead to feelings of frustration, irritability, and even depression.

Many people with excessive sleepiness may not realize that their lack of energy and motivation is related to poor sleep. They may blame themselves for being lazy or unmotivated, when in reality their brain is struggling to function properly due to fatigue. Addressing the underlying cause of sleepiness can help restore mood, improve motivation, and support overall mental well-being. Seeking help is an important first step toward feeling better.

Beyond Fatigue: How Excessive Daytime Sleepiness Impacts Emotional Health

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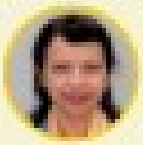
Excessive Daytime Sleepiness (EDS) is frequently dismissed as a universal struggle, but it is a profound clinical indicator of deeper emotional and psychological strain. Often ignored, the link between persistent daytime drowsiness and mental health disorders like depression and anxiety is complex and bidirectional, meaning each can worsen the other.

Clinical research confirms that individuals suffering from depression and high levels of stress are significantly more likely to report EDS. Persistent fatigue can act as a cognitive drain, eroding emotional regulation, heightening irritability, and triggering social withdrawal, all of which are key drivers of depressive states. "When persistent drowsiness becomes a constant companion, it is not just a lifestyle inconvenience; it is a critical symptom that demands medical attention," says clinical experts.

Addressing sleep health is a vital step in holistic therapy. By restoring circadian rhythms, we can often see a significant improvement in mood stability and cognitive function. Ultimately, treating EDS is not just about getting more sleep; it is about reclaiming both emotional stability and long-term well-being.

New Horizons in Sleep Medicine: Emerging Non-Traditional Approaches to Improve Alertness



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Emerging sleep medicine approaches focus on improving alertness by restoring the core of poor sleep and by strengthening healthy sleep behaviors. One key innovation is cognitive behavioral therapy for insomnia (CBTI), which helps patients change unhelpful sleep habits and retrain their brain to associate bed with sleep rather than wakefulness. Another promising approach is light therapy, using bright light exposure at specific times to reset the body's internal clock and improve daytime alertness. Researchers are also exploring medications that target specific brain pathways involved in wakefulness, as well as neurostimulation techniques that use gentle electrical or magnetic signals to support brain activity. Wearable devices can track sleep patterns and provide personalized feedback, helping individuals make small, sustainable changes to their routines.

Looking ahead, the future of sleep medicine is moving toward more precise, personalized treatments. Advances in genetics may help identify why some people are more vulnerable to sleepiness, while artificial intelligence can analyze large amounts of sleep data to predict problems before they become severe. Digital therapeutics, such as apps and online programs delivering CBTI, are making treatment more accessible than ever before. Combining these approaches may offer more effective, personalized solutions for millions of people struggling with excessive sleepiness.

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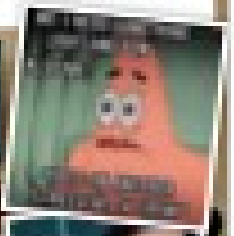

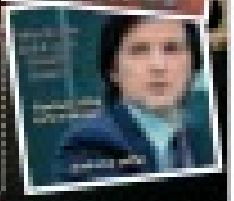

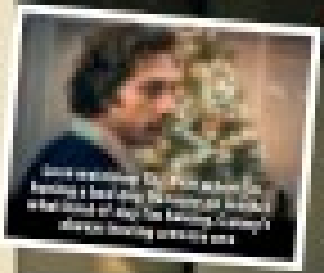

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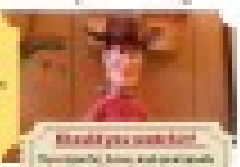

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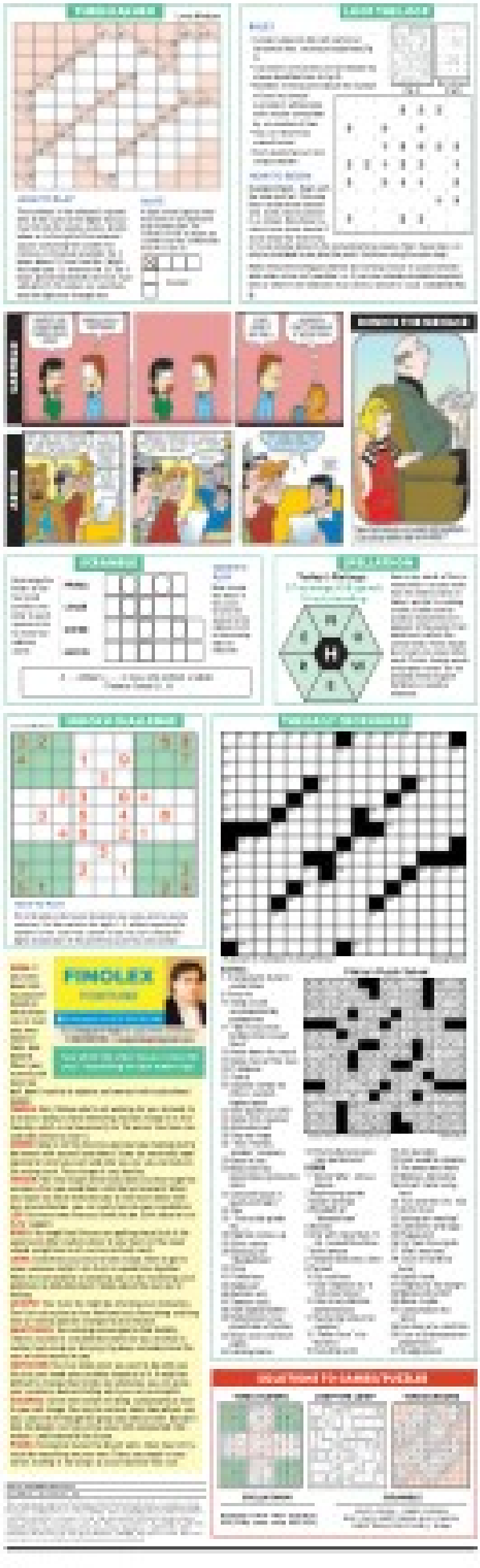
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